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Serious Condition

Baptiste's condition was described as serious by United States public health physician Robert Moberg, head of the

Japan a weak ridge of high pressure extends across the Eastern Sea and China. Pressure is also relatively high over Malaya and Borneo. A complex of pressure area covers S and SE China and the Philippines.

Today's Forecast—Moderate variable winds. Cloudy with thunder showers.

Yesterday's Weather—

Honolulu: 1st. 100. Total since Jan. 1, 466.8 mm.; 57.97 ins. as against average of 573.8 mm.; 22.61 ins.

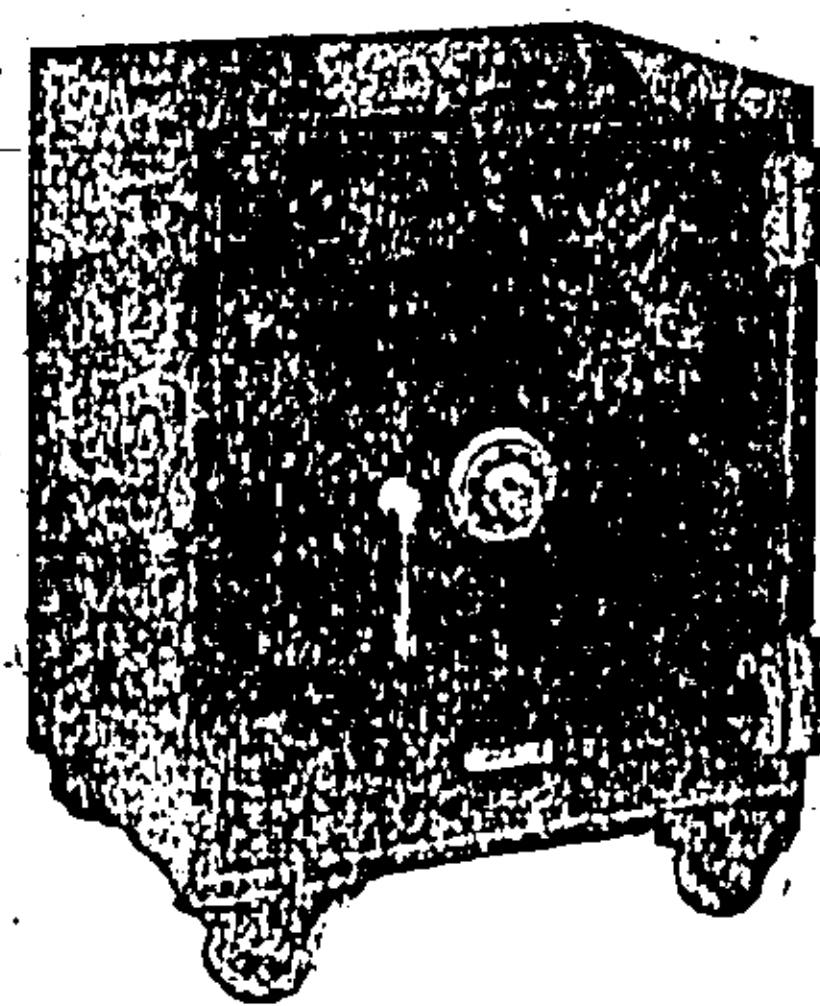
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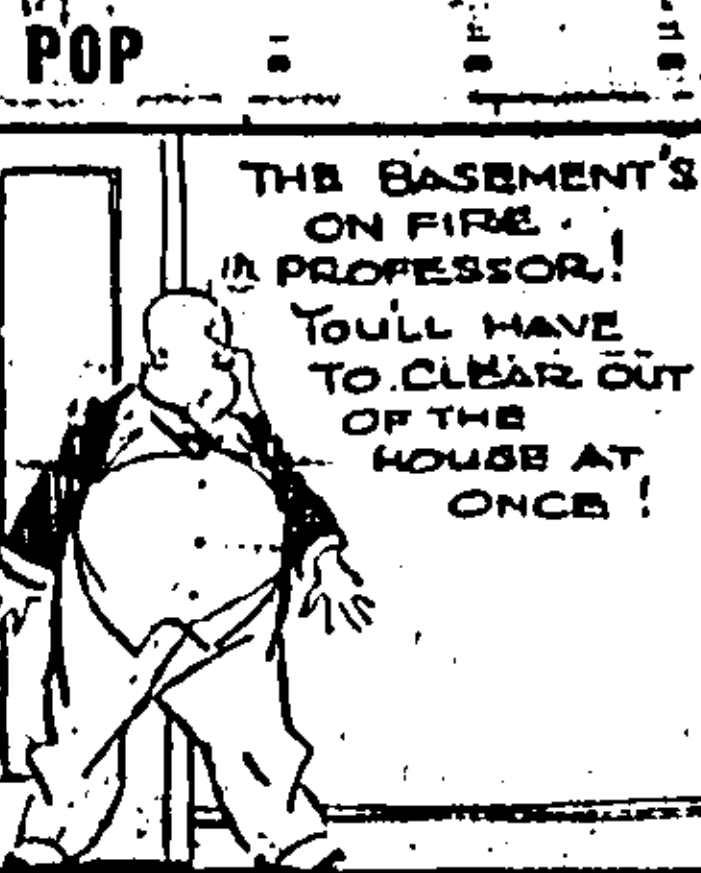
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HARD LABOUR, CANE FOR ROBBERY INTENT

Found guilty by a jury on a charge of assault with intent to rob, Ho Hoi and Chung Kwong were each sentenced yesterday by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisse Judge), to six years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane.

Assaulted Constable Charge

In the dock at Central Magistracy yesterday on charges of assaulting a police constable and using abusive and indecent language was a 32-year-old coolie, Teo Fat, who was remanded 24 hours by Mr. F. X. d'Almada to enable him to call witnesses.

Health Inspector Iman Din told the Court that he had ordered constables to clear away the defendant's cart from the entrance of Western Market. The constables were searching the entrance when defendant started to abuse him in Chinese. Witness said he was abusive and insolent.

Warned by a folk that defendant was the head of a gang, witness said, he called a police sergeant. While the constable was talking to him defendant continued being abusive. After several warnings he was arrested. Defendant struggled and caused a lot of inconvenience to police when they tried to get him into a tram to go to the station.

Defendant denied abusive Din or the constable. He alleged he was struck by the police, and requested that witnesses be called.

Personalia

Peninsula Hotel arrivals—Mrs. J. J. Cowen, J. A. Bond, B. Glisse, Mrs. P. Josselyn, A. Stein, Mrs. Y. Revelli, D. A. Lampard and Count de Trudon.

Peninsula departures—Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Clark, R. W. Godspeed, Mr. and Mrs. J. Corver, J. K. Gray, R. D. Richer and H. Ziesing.

Mr. T. K. G. Moller, of Messrs. Central Merchants, arrived by the ss. Tjibadak from Java yesterday.

SNATCH THIEF SENTENCED

Mrs. E. A. Gohard was standing at Nathan Road near Hui-phong Rd. with an open basket behind her at 11.20 a.m. on June 4 when Cheung Kam-wun (20), carpenter, helped himself to a wallet (containing a Star Ferry season ticket and \$9.65) inside the basket.

He was seen by Mr. J. Griffin who grabbed hold of Cheung. Charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, Cheung was sentenced to three months' hard labour and, at his own request, ordered to be expelled.

Sub-Inspector W. Apps prosecuted.

Villagers of Ngau, Ma, Kok, Salkun, were robbed of chicken, rice and cash by eight armed men at 8.30 p.m. yesterday. Total loss amounted to \$50 in cash. Nobody was hurt during the sackings. None of the robbers was arrested.

CHIEF JUSTICE IN MAGISTRATE'S COURT

The Chief Justice, Mr. E. H. Williams, was present at Central Magistracy yesterday morning in connection with a traffic summons involving Lim Shu-san, driver of public vehicle No. 4489, for driving without due care and caution.

Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam sat as Magistrate, while Traffic Sub-Inspector J. F. Ferrier prosecuted. Lim, who was not represented legally, pleaded guilty.

Mr. Williams told the Court that he was driving up Stubbs Road at 12.20 p.m. on May 10 when near the Ho Tung Garden he noticed a motor cycle coming down hill round a bend.

At that moment, Mr. Williams said, he also saw a public vehicle approaching. The car overtook the cycle but the former, drove so much off his side of the road that Mr. Williams said he had to brake violently and pull up sharply, to avoid a serious accident.

Lim in mitigation said that Mr. Williams was driving up hill and naturally his speed would be much less than his own. He pointed out to the Court that it was his first offense, and that he had a clear record.

Mr. Tam fined defendant \$150 and suspended his licence for a month.

Swindler Gets Jail

Tsai Chi-kwong, charged with swindling Lane Crawford's of cigarettes and liquors by using a false pass book in the name of J. M. Chin of the Waldorf Restaurant, Causeway Bay, between May 1 and 10, was sentenced to two months' hard labour and bound over in \$250 for 12 months, by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday.

Charged together with Tsai was Chan Chee-kwong, who was sent to 12 months' hard labour and bound over in \$250 for 12 months, by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday.

Tsai pleaded that he had no intention of stealing and that he was asked to do so by Chan. He was not paid for the three visits he made to Lane Crawford's, but Chan took him out to tea.

Reminders

Today
Talk on "Teachers' Trade Unionism" by Ken Baker, Catholic Centre, 3 p.m.
Christ Church Council Meeting at Vicarage, 8.30 p.m.
S.V.P.'s Conference, Meeting at Catholic Centre, King's Building, 6 p.m.
Portuguese Institute, Seventh Session, Clube Lusitano, 6.30 p.m.
Toc H Club meeting, talk by Rev. S. Hui-Lap-scombe, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Art exhibitions, at Chinese Y.M.C.A., Bridge Street, and at St. John's Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m.

Coming Events Tomorrow
King's Birthday Parade, Happy Valley, 9 a.m.
Garden Party in celebration of King's Birthday, at Government House.
FRIDAY
Kowloon Rotary Club Luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
H.K. Teachers' Association meeting, lecture on "Trade Unionism" by Ken Baker, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 8.15 p.m.
Kai Tak Amateur Dramatic Society presents "Cavendish Bound" at Station Theatre, Kai Tak, 8 p.m.

RAF CUSTODY REFUSED

When Alexander Douglas Jamieson (19) and Stanley Hulme (20), both of Kai Tak, appeared on remand before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, Det. Sub-Inspector H. T. Matches intimated that the case would be taken for committal.

His application for a week's remand in RAF custody was refused by the Magistrate who recommended the accused for a week in goal custody.

Jamieson and Hulme are charged with robbing Mr. Kwan, a public house, at \$431.25 at Clear Water Bay Road on June 4.

POLICE RECRUITING

The Commissioner of Police announced that recruiting for Police Constables is now carried out at Western Police Station and applicants should apply there on Tuesday only, at 9 a.m. The Recruiting Centre in Kowloon was closed.

Tong Nui, 40-year-old, applicant, had her 300-lb. of excess weight confiscated by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Sub-Inspector W. Apps said that the goods were found in defendant's baggage as she was sent to 15 days' detention at "Whaling Hill" from the Wing On Wharf on June 7.

MAGISTRATE SOMETIMES FINDS TRAFFIC SIGNALS HARD TO UNDERSTAND

When Tang Ming-sing and Ho Shoung, public hire car drivers, were summoned before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday for failing to return to a place of accommodation immediately on being disengaged they pleaded that they were in possession of standing orders from the Imperial Ballroom and the Kowloon Hotel, respectively, to pick up patrons of these two places.

In the case of Tang, Traffic Sub-Inspector Donald Brown stated that defendant was seen by a traffic constable driving up to the Imperial Ballroom, from the direction of Tsim-tsatui, at 12.10 a.m.

After stopping a minute, defendant drove off under the Public Square Street when he turned the car back to the Ballroom. He was told by the constable to take the car back to his garage.

Defendant drove off but returned at 12.25 a.m., stopped at the entrance to the Ballroom, beckoned to a few pedestrians, and then drove off.

Tang produced a letter, addressed to Div. Inspector J. Scrim (Kowloon Traffic Office) from the Imperial Ballroom stating, inter alia, that defendant had a standing order to be outside the Ballroom to pick up its patrons.

Cautioned

Defendant was cautioned by the Magistrate.

Ho Shoung, public hire car driver, who pleaded that he was asked to be outside the Kowloon Hotel, had his summons adjourned to June 17.

The summons against Lam Kaching, public car driver, for soliciting for passengers at Tsim-tsatui on May 3 was also adjourned to June 17, on his tendering a plea of not guilty.

Leung Kwong-on and Lam Sun, taxi drivers, were fined \$25 for parking their cabs outside the white lines at the Star Ferry stand. Another taxi driver, Yip Choi, who pleaded that he stopped at the Star Ferry stand for a minute or so, was fined \$25.

"We expect better driving from you bus drivers," said Mr. Latimer when he imposed a fine of \$20 on Lo Ping, bus driver, who admitted the summons of driving at an excessive speed at Tai Po Road on March 26.

Two learner-drivers were fined \$50 each when they pleaded guilty to the summons of failing to affix the "L" plates to their vehicles.

Leung Kin-fai of 150-152 Castle Peak Road drove his car at Prince Edward Road at 6.10 p.m. without the "L" plates; and Lau Cheong of 12 Lal Chee Yuen did the same thing at Tai Po Road at 3.30 p.m. on April 30.

Hard Signals

"Sometimes I find the signals particularly hard to understand myself," said Mr. Latimer when he cautioned, Lai Tim of 147 Waterloo Road, Kowloon Tong, on the summons of failing to obey the signals given by a traffic constable, at the junction of Nathan and Prince Edward Roads.

Traffic Sub-Inspector Brown pointed out that the signals given to defendant were easy to understand, and that he admitted having understood them.

Fung Tien-man, lorry driver, was fined \$25 for driving without due care and attention at Nathan Road at 6.35 p.m. on April 27.

Tsi Brown said that defendant's lorry passed a line of stationary buses near Shantung Street at 18 m.p.h. and struck a pedestrian crossing the road.

JAPAN COTTON LOAN APPROVED

General MacArthur today formally approved a US\$60,000,000 cotton loan for Japan, which, Allied officials said, would pay the way to broadening of Japanese foreign trade.

This is the first line of credit to be negotiated under the so-called "gold pot"—occupied Japan export-import revolving fund.

The agreement is between the fund and a group of American private banks: the Export-Import Bank, Bank of America, Chase National Bank, National City Bank, New York and the Henry Schroeder Banking Corporation.

The agreement will remain in effect until Dec. 31, 1949.

Officials said the agreement "will clear the way for agreements for funds financing shipments of other raw materials from other countries and in currencies other than the United States dollar."

They said particular interest had been evoked in the sterling area.

They added that the only requirement for such extension of trade financing was that imports were to be used for manufacture of sufficient export goods to pay for imports in currencies in which obligations were incurred. Unilateral Press.

Dangerous Driver Fined

Jack Bottanly, of the Hong Kong Electric Company, appeared before Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam at Central Magistracy yesterday summoned for driving in a manner dangerous to the public in Stubbs Road on April 20.

Mr. Tam fined defendant \$150 and suspended his licence for a month.

Mr. J. A. Stericker of the British Cigarette Company, appeared before Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam at Central Magistracy yesterday summoned for driving in a manner dangerous to the public in Stubbs Road at 0.45 p.m. to go to the Repulse Bay Hotel when he had to follow up-hill a lorry which was doing about 25 m.p.h.

Nearing a blind corner about two cars from Tai Hang Road, Mr. Stericker saw a motor cycle driven by Bottanly, speeding at about 35 m.p.h. and sweeping past both vehicles. If anything had come out from the opposite direction at that moment a serious accident would have occurred and the motor cyclist could have been killed, it was stated.

Gunners Remanded

Gunners Norman Edwards (18) and Dennis Mator (25), both of the Royal Artillery, appeared before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday charged with shop-breaking on June 6.

It was alleged that accused broke into the Marrie Cheung Shop, Gun Club Hill Barracks, and stole 15 shirts, 20 ties, 10 pairs of silk stockings, four silk scarves, a pair of silk pyjamas, a table cloth, six serviettes, three wallets, and a lady's bathing costume.

Sub-Inspector E. C. Baker's application for a three days' remand in Military custody was refused by the Magistrate who remanded the accused for three days in Police custody.

Stole From Child

Seven-year-old Cheung Sau-fong, on her fourth appearance in court, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour and recommended for banishment by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday for stealing a bangle from a seven-year-old child.

Appearing with her was a married woman, Li Ho, who was sent to six months' hard labour for aiding and abetting.

First defendant, who had three previous convictions for larceny, was, according to the prosecution, one of a gang of shoplifters. When convicted, she claimed Hong Kong birth.

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PC 1668 told defendant that he was causing an obstruction. Asked to produce his licence, defendant told the constable in a few choice words and phrases; that there was no necessity to do so. He was brought back to the Police Station.

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CARELESS DRIVER

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Sun was alleged to have cut across Inspector You's car as the latter was about to turn into Garden Road from Queen's Road Central after signalling his intention of doing so. An accident would have occurred if the inspector had not pulled up sharply.

Admitting possession of two theft of raw opium at the K.C.B. Station at 7.40 p.m. on June 7, Cheung Hon-tau (24), old farmer, was fined \$200 for the theft of hard labour by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday. Revenue Officer D. H. Knox prosecuted.

Important Nationalist Successes

Shanghai, June 8.
Important successes were scored by Nationalist armies in three major civil-war fronts—southwest Honan, south Shantung and Jehol—in the past 24 hours, pro-Government despatches reported today.

What is hailed by pro-Government military observers as "the greatest victory on the central China front during the past few months" is said to have been achieved in southwest Honan, where some 80,000 Red troops—belonging to the armies of the three top-ranking Communist generals, Liu Xiang, Chen Yi and Cheng Keng—are reported to be retreating in wild confusion after a severe mauling at the hands of Government forces.

Nationalist warplanes have joined in the pursuit of the fleeing Reds and are taking a heavy toll in bombing, strafing. Besides large booty, the Nationalists claimed the capture of a Communist brigade commander.

Threat Removed

Chinese reports said that this Government victory has removed the Communist threat to the important south Honan Nationalist base of Sinyang on the Peiping-Hankow railway.

In Jehol, Nationalist mechanized units are said to have advanced to within 15 miles of the Communist railway base of Chaoyang as General Fan Han-chieh's four-pronged offensive gathered momentum.

Although resisting stubbornly, the Communists are reported to be falling back along the entire front. The determination of the Government to press the drive to a successful conclusion and thus keep the Jehol corridor open for the impending Manchurian battle is seen in the arrival of thousands of fresh troops in the south Manchurian port of Huludao and the north Hopen port of Chinchow.

Detachments were immediately rushed to the Jehol front after landing from transports, Chinese reports said. The Government's "big push" on the Shantung-Kiangsu border also made notable headway in the last 24 hours, with both northern and southern columns claiming successes.—Reuter.

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MACKINTOSH APPLICATION HEARING RESUMED

TOC H TALK

The guest speaker at the meeting of the TOC H this evening is the Reverend G. Watt-Lipscombe, S.C.F.

The H meets at Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road at 7.45 p.m. for supper. Men not wishing to have supper are invited to attend at 8.30 p.m.



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At yesterday's resumed hearing of the application by Messrs. Mackintosh's Limited for an eviction order against Mr. L. Mercado and Mrs. Kovach (Mayo's Shoppe) in respect of Shop 7C Alexandra Building, Mr. D. L. Straloff, sitting as a Magistrate in Tenancy Tribunal "A" at the Supreme Court, held that the opponents had a case to answer on two out of six submissions put forward by Mr. B. A. Bernocchi.

Mr. Straloff also held that it was possible, on the evidence, to hold that Mackintosh's returned to the Colony in 1946.

Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr. J. T. Prior of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, is appearing for the applicants, Messrs. Mackintosh's Limited.

The opponents, Mr. L. Mercado and Mrs. Kovach, are represented by Mr. Bernocchi, instructed by Mr. Y. K. Kim of Messrs. Lo and Lo.

On conclusion of the case for the applicants on Apr. 30, Mr. Bernocchi submitted that for the following six primary reasons, the opponents had no case to answer: (1) That Section 18 (f) of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance could not be said to apply to a limited company; (2) Even if it did, Mackintosh's Limited of Hong Kong could not be said to have left the Colony after the Liberation and returned again some nine months' later.

No Authority
(3) In any event, Section 18 (f) did not apply to circumstances in this case, even allowing points (1) and (2) against opponents; (a) because there was no authority for the proposition that the same person could both apply as landlord under the Section and at the same time claim as the pre-war tenant, and (b) because it was quite clear that the person to give the requisite notice under Section 18 (f) must be the applicant.

(c) that the notice required under Section 18 (f) as to return of tenant, could not be a notice given before the passing of the Ordinance, which was not retrospective; (d) that either the notice given by the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., or the notice given by the present applicant a year later in fact complied with the requirements of Section 18 (f); (e) From the evidence adduced in support of the applicant's case, a new agreement must be implied as existing at the time of the application and that such a new agreement could not be subject to any condition as to vacating of premises on return of Mackintosh's, in that from the earliest time such new agreement could be implied, the opponents were refusing to vacate.

(5) That Section 18 (f) requires that there should be a

mutual agreement that they, the opponents, would vacate the premises on the return of Mackintosh's and there was no evidence at all of such an agreement on their part.

(6) That the opponents could not be brought within Section 18 (f) in that they became tenants of the premises prior to Aug. 16, 1945.

At subsequent hearings, Mr. Wright dealt with the submissions categorically and at the last hearing, on conclusion of Mr. Bernocchi's arguments, Mr. Bernocchi asked for an opportunity to reply. This application was granted and the reply was contained in a number of typed notes.

Fuller Consideration
Mr. Straloff had not had time to deal with these notes fully, he announced yesterday that he would only be prepared to deal with submissions 1, 2, 3 (a), (b), (c) and (d) and submission 6. Mr. Straloff said that in view of Mr. Bernocchi's reply, submissions (4) and (5) would require further and fuller consideration.

In the course of a lengthy decision, Mr. Straloff held that a limited company could come within the provisions of Section 18 (f) of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance and that having regard to the circumstances existing at the time, namely, the state of suspension in which a number of companies had been forced by virtue of the Occupation, it was possible, on the evidence before the Tribunal, to hold that Mackintosh's returned to the Colony in 1946.

Mr. Straloff reserved his decision on submissions (4) and (5). Hearing was adjourned until Tuesday, June 22, at 10 a.m.

BOAC'S BIG ATLANTIC TRAFFIC

Figures just released by the Civil Aeronautics Board of America show that BOAC carried the greatest number of passengers per plane across the North Atlantic for the latter half of 1947. In these six months BOAC's average per aircraft was 28.3 passengers, whereas the average for the U.S. Atlantic operators was 24.10, and that of all carriers except the U.S. lines 25.02.

Present advance bookings indicate that passenger traffic on BOAC's services across the Atlantic this year will exceed that of 1947.

That morning she was on the verandah for some time, and no sooner had she sat down in the hall downstairs after coming down when she heard a cracking noise. She rushed out to find that some pupils had fallen from the verandah when it collapsed, said that they did not jump or move about too much. All of them were sitting quietly when suddenly the porch collapsed, bringing them down. He recovered consciousness in Queen Mary Hospital.

Mr. C. L. Rocha, an Inspector of Works, said that when he examined the scene he found that the structure was of the old type, but the iron supports were "fair" and the building had been repaired. There were external signs of danger.

Chung Fook-chi, garage apprentice, corroborated evidence given by Yip. Chung said he helped the boys to safety until the ambulance arrived.

BY ALEX RAYMOND



CORRESPONDENCE

Hotel Rates

Sir—"Straight Guy's" letter makes interesting reading, but I note he omitted to state the name of his boarding house. Having been in this Colony for the past twelve months, I am still looking for a Boarding House Manager who has satisfied permanent guests at reasonable rates. Maybe "Straight Guy" would like to send me his card.

As to accommodation "hunting" expected to shed tears for poor "Straight Guy"? I don't think so.

STRAIGHT JACKET

And Again

Sir—The Quartering Authorities are to be congratulated in their proposed action as outlined in your edition of the 6th inst. It is a well known fact that "rates" prevail in most hotels and boarding houses in this Colony today, one for the old residents, i.e. those fortunate enough to obtain accommodation before December 1st, and another rate for the poor "newcomers" who are now forced to take rooms at a 50% increase above prevailing rates last December.

It is hoped however that the Quartering Authorities will, during this "battle" for better and cheaper living conditions, make the people who are so unfortunate that they have to take twice the rates they are charged excessive rents etc.

I would suggest that during this "battle," all boarding house and hotel keepers should be asked to submit to the Quartering Authorities a weekly list of vacant accommodation. Members of the public, could, upon experiencing any difficulty in obtaining suitable accommodation, apply to the Quartering Authorities for a "rule" which was in force here two years ago.

Furthermore, every resident now staying at hotels and boarding houses should be requested to submit to the proper Authorities, a complete detailed list of present charges which would expose some of today's existing ranges.

It is to be hoped that the second operation of this "battle" will soon commence and that the Authorities will, in the very near future, go "all out" with a view of eliminating the "key money" ramp and the "requestion" of all empty flats and houses.

If strong action is taken on the suggestions outlined above, cost of living will come down and the general public will feel that they are getting a fair deal at last.

RIP VAN WINKLE

Sir—Just about the time you were established, two Chinese idols of stone were erected in our Race Course, the old Muddy Flats. Some years ago, these were transported to Bubbling Well Road on the pavement on the side of the road. Recently the statues received embellishment, getting a "new look" to the tune of \$4 billion (not very much when you consider the currency). This doling up was paid to propitiate the stone gods by one who used to offer frankincense, and myrrh, and assorted red candles, and who, in the last draw, won one of those famous Shanghai lottery houses.

The Municipal meeting on June 4 decided that something must be done to take away the gods which were causing interference with traffic. However, one bureau passed the job to another, just like a prolonged rally at Hai-Alai. Nobody wants to offend the deity, although everybody agrees it is sheer superstition, and it looks as if these stone images will remain until water flows once again into the Bubbling Well.

Shanghai, June 5.

J. C. de B.

Big-Shots

Sir—Patriotism did not enter into the motives of those who remained or ran away from Hong Kong after the enemy occupation according to F.S. under "Make Him Sick." It was either the sense of fear or the resignation to fatalism.

What about those who remained made huge fortunes to pay off their pre-war debts and buy a couple of nice houses with their military scrip?

These are the big-shots who now claim that they were so patriotic that they proposed Debtor-Creditor Bill is not good enough for sanctioning their Mikado wealth. To them we have to pay for the losses and investments no matter who lost the war.

Even General Douglas MacArthur has broken up a few war criminals' estates and the Japanese now claim that the American general has some Bushido blood.

Since none of our legislators has any Samurai spirit and does not expect the coming back of co-prosperity days, we hope that the Debtor-Creditor Bill which gives holders of Japanese rights shall be eliminated.

BANZAI

Debtor-Creditor Ordinance

Sir—With all due respect to the Acting Financial Secretary, the information given by him in his speech introducing the proposed "Debtor and Creditor Ordinance" to the Legislative Council was lacking in many essential and material points. Since the Ordinance has aroused much public interest and such opposition from the representatives of Chinese commercial circles there is one particular piece of information which the Financial Secretary is perhaps the best man to give. What is the amount involved which the Banks are seeking to recover from the Debtors in defiance of International Law? By knowing this figure public opinion will then be able to reason whether it is for the public good that the Ordinance should be passed by legislation to recover this money, or whether it will work a gross hardship upon the domestic economy of the Colony for the Debtors to have to "pay" again that which they have already paid.

If the repayment of the liquidated debts will cause a business depression or financial embarrassments for the penalised Debtors to the extent that they will be forced to recoup their losses through passing it on to the general public, then the public becomes most interested in the whole affair and is entitled to have all of knowledge which is at the disposal of Government.

The Acting Financial Secretary in the last part of his speech says, "I would urge that it is besides the point to argue whether the Japanese Liquidators had any right under International Law to act as they did." But the Acting Financial Secretary is not one of those hundreds of thousands of Chinese permanent residents of Hong Kong who still hold in their hands some of the 1,942,000,000 worthless Japanese military yen, part of which were received from the Banks or money exchangers during the occupation in return for good Hong Kong dollars. What is going to happen to this worthless paper which the Japanese used to loot Hong Kong and its people's property and commodities? The Japanese are liable in International Law for all that they did here in Hong Kong to the detriment of the people of Hong Kong. It is by looking at International Law also that the proper remedy will be found for the Banks to recover their losses. And it is only by ignoring International Law and equity that debtors can be called upon again to pay monies already paid in satisfaction of their debts.

Now as regards the "compromise." The Acting Financial Secretary advocates that compromises would be better than leaving it to the Courts of the British Empire to decide this knotty legal problem. In the first place the Debtors are ready to accept trial by law in place of "arbitration by compromise." In the second place, compromise means that both sides to the dispute are consulted, that what they are prepared to agree to is ascertained, and then to decide on the compromise. In the present case, it is certain that Government has ignored all efforts of the Debtors and their representatives to put their views on specific points in the Bill, and has proceeded with the first reading of the Bill in a Legislature where there are no representatives obligated by mandate to represent the views of the Chinese permanent residents. Here, if ever there was a case of a "wrong without a remedy." And this is an anomaly which is abhorrent to British Justice. And further, is it not when a problem is knotty that we go to the Courts where we expect, and do get a decision based on law and equity?

Government has been hasty in placing the proposed Bill before the Legislature. The Bill is ill-conceived in equity and has no basis in law. It is not a compromise at all. It is a measure aimed at shifting the losses incurred by the Banks on account of war from their shoulders to those of the Debtors. And to add insult to injury provision is made for the payment of interest to Banks during the occupation period when there cannot be the smallest application of the doctrine of "force majeure" which is the legal basis of the obligation to pay and the right to receive interest in respect to a debt.

The assertion of the article legalising the receipt of interest by the Banks at 4% per annum for the occupation period is an affront to the intelligence and conscience of the Legislature before which the Bill has been brought for consideration before it is passed into Law.

It is not too late for Government to listen to the complaints of the Debtors and to offer a measure which would really be a compromise instead of what it is today, a cut and dried imposition upon a community which in loyalty to the Crown and the Empire endured greater sufferings during the last four years than any other part of the British Empire save England herself.

PERMANENT RESIDENT.

Bottom Score?

Sir—In your bridge column on Tuesday, Mr. Barclay stated that Mr. Cyrus B. Austin of New York was the only one in a duplicate game that managed to make 5 clubs. I think Mr. Austin should be given a bottom score on that hand instead of the top as he did for the very simple reason that he used 6 trump cards when he played the hand but he actually held only 5—he must have used one of them twice hence the W-E partnership were entitled to call for a revoke.

As Mr. Barclay described the declarer trumped the opening Spade Ace lead, then he led the Ace and Queen of trumps. Later on, he led the trump 2 to finesse West's 10 and again trumped a spade with the trump 7 and now he led the club 4 to the Jack to clear West's 10 and then the rest of the tricks. I do like to know with what card did Mr. Austin trump the opening Spade Ace lead?

Now it is possible that Mr. Austin did make 5 club when West made a mistake on returning the spade 4 after he opened Declarer's Club Queen with the King but with the method Mr. Barclay described—it is impossible to make 5 clubs.

F.K.L.

Embarrassed

Sir, Having caused me some embarrassment by publishing a letter I had hoped only to be forwarded by you to the Dept. I am, I hope you will do the justice of correcting one word. I wrote life belts attached to lines—not lifeboats. The idea being that a man on such a life line could allow himself to be swept off his feet attempting to reach the swimmer in distress, confident that should his strength or courage fail, he could always be returned to shore by those holding the rope. These belts could be obtained cheaply, there must be some lying in ship-breaker's yards that would serve. I volunteered to use my time and energy collecting odd dollars people might volunteer. I did not presume to set myself up as a private Lifeline Society, such as would be necessary for the building and equipping of costly lifeboats.

The existing one was worse than useless under the conditions. Thank you for your assurance that the men are alive and well.

Thriller

Sir—Your correspondent "Marie Grace" should try her hand at writing a Thriller. Reading her letter in the "China Mail" I really thought I was reading an extract from "Peter Cheney's" latest.

My family and I were at Shek-O from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., we heard many screams—screams of joy—people enjoying the thrill of huge waves breaking over their heads. What did rather damp our spirits was the fact that a few very irresponsible and indifferent swimmers were taking unnecessary risks, thereby not only endangering their own lives, but the lives of their rescuers. That in my opinion is criminal.

It was obvious when entering the water that the undercurrent was very strong, therefore people with common sense did not venture too far out, unless of course they were very strong swimmers.

I do hope your correspondent has now managed to shut the terrible screams out of her ears. To be perfectly honest, I did not hear any screams. I was in the vicinity of the swimmers in trouble. I did hear a couple of very faint shouts for help, but no blood curdling screams.

In my opinion your correspondent owes the Beach Inspectors an apology, they are neither stupid nor criminal, they are "Beach Inspectors" not "Life Guards".

In conclusion I would say that the people who should have a thorough reprimand are the individuals, who by their foolhardy actions endangered their own and other people's lives. Their action was criminal to say the least.

C. H. LLOYD.

FOOD AND FUEL INDEX

Food and Fuel Costs for the week ending June 6	
Rice & Flour	7.2 cattles \$3.1180
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Total	\$11.9470

STAGE CLUB MEETING

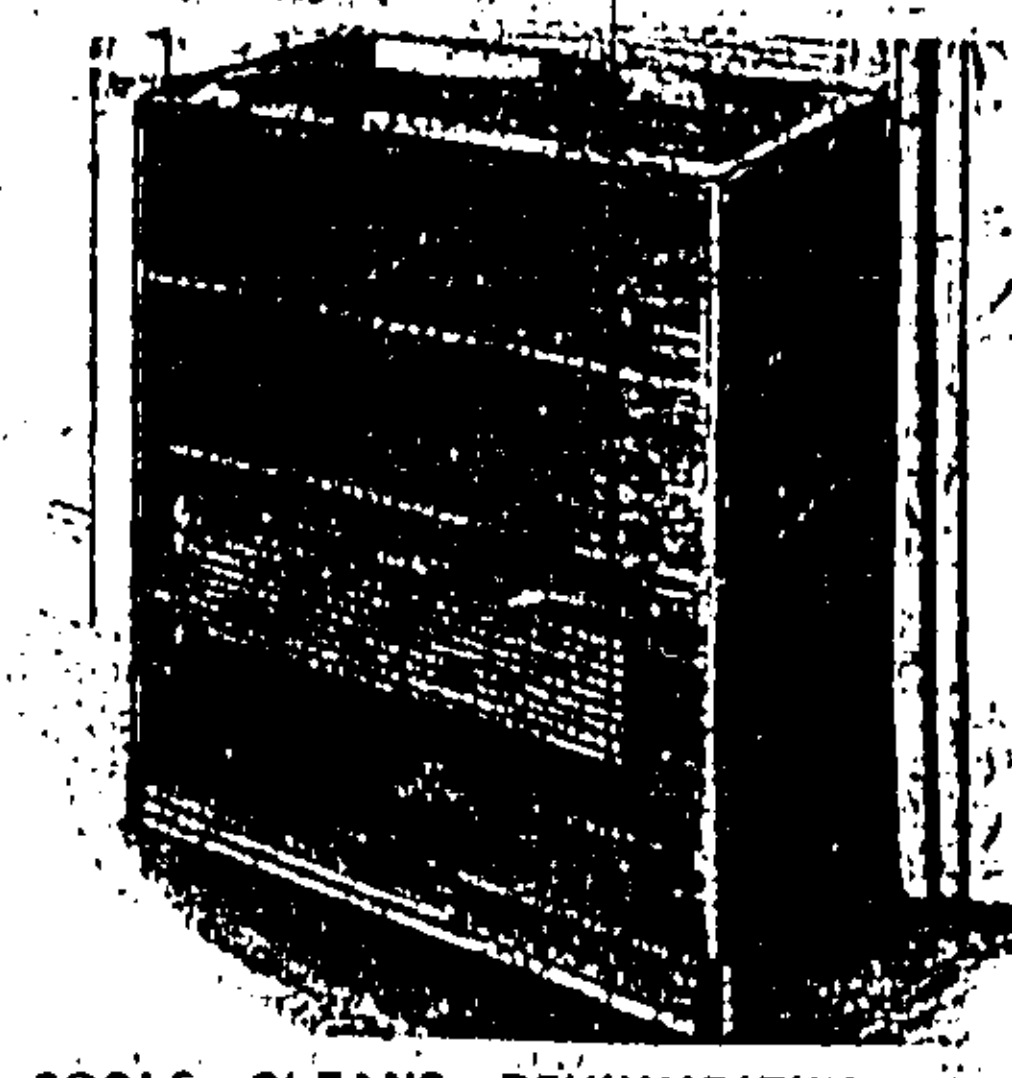
To-night at 8.30 there will be another Stage Club casting meeting at the Majestics to discuss the play to be produced a new radio play by a local author, Nigel Lynton, whose thriller "Who? But my corpse?" was performed last year. There are several interesting character parts to be cast; four male and three female.

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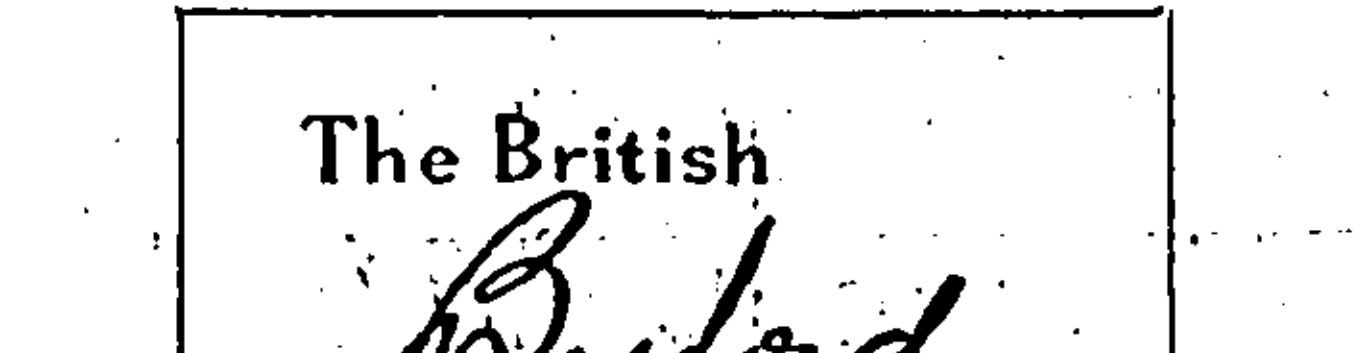
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To declare a dividend.

To elect a Director and confirm the appointment of a Director.

To fix Directors Fees.

To elect Auditors.

To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 18th June, 1948, to Wednesday, 23rd June, 1948, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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SOVIET "NO" TO THE DECISION ON GERMANY BERLIN STOOGES ISSUE 'PROTEST'

Berlin, June 7. - The Soviet Union is expected to issue within 24 hours a strongly worded refusal to recognise any of the six-power London decisions on the future of Western Germany announced today. Marshal Vassili Sokolovsky, the Russian Military Governor in Germany, and his advisers, after a day-long discussion of the plan, decided today that future four-power cooperation on Germany was out of the question, according to German political circles.

Meeting at the Marshall's headquarters in the Russian sector of Berlin, they were reported to have agreed that the London decisions nullified all previous agreements on Germany.

The Soviet-sponsored German "People's Council" - a permanent 400-member Committee of the "People's Congress" - has been called for July 2, Leipzig Radio said today after announcing the London communiqué.

The question of four-power cooperation on Germany was the theme of the prolonged discussions between the Russian Military Governor and his advisers, circles close to the Russian Military Administration said tonight.

German Protest

The British, American and French Commanders sent copies of the London six-power communiqué on Germany to the Marshall early today. The Russian commander immediately called a meeting of his advisers for a discussion of the communiqué. Marshal Sokolovsky also discussed with his advisers the question of calling a meeting of the Allied Control Council.

The People's Council of the German People's Congress in Berlin issued tonight what is

described as "a solemn protest against the recommendations of the London six-power Conference for the formation of a Western German state."

The London Conference recommendations were "the first steps towards the splitting of Germany," the protest declared.

"Not a single word is mentioned of a peace treaty for the German people."

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"The Ruhr, Germany's economic centre, will be taken out of the German economy and put under unlimited foreign control in order to use its productive powers, not for the German people, but for the interests of the Western bloc."

"The Central Committee of the German People's Council solemnly states that the realisation of these recommendations would constitute a breach of agreements bound by international law."

"The London recommendations are a brutal violation of the natural basic right of the German people to self-government. No German authorities have taken heart from these recommendations."

"Three years after the end of the war, the intention to extinguish German sovereignty and unity is apparent." - Reuter.

ANGLO-FRENCH TALKS

Paris, June 7.

Mr. James Griffiths, Minister of National Insurance, and Mr. Morgan Phillips, Secretary of the Labour Party, saw a number of leading French Socialists today and discussed international questions with the veteran Socialist statesman, M. Leon Blum.

The talks remove all pretence that the two British politicians had come to Paris merely

to discuss "domestic party questions."

Mr. Griffiths arrived here from London on Sunday night and Mr. Phillips from Vienna.

Mr. Griffiths' talk with M. Blum will, it is learned, enable the British Minister to report confidentially to Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, on the reaction of French public opinion to the six-power London recommendations for Germany.

Although no details of the talks between the British and French leaders are yet available tonight, French Socialist Party headquarters do not hide the fact that the talks covered all current international questions affecting Britain and France, including Germany and Palestine.

Further talks between the two Labour Party leaders and French Socialists are planned for tomorrow when they will attend a dinner with leading Socialist Party leaders.

It is believed here that the talks will concentrate on the setting up in Paris of an Anglo-French Socialist centre to deal with the working of the Marshall aid plan and to promote co-operation between European Socialist parties.

REPATRIATION FROM RUSSIA

Tokyo, June 8.

Russia permitted 15,393 more Japanese to return home last week from the Soviet areas in which they have been bottled up since the war's end.

It was the largest group in any week since repatriation from the Russian areas was resumed early in May, SCAAP said today.

They were: 12,009 from Siberia, 1,584 from Manchuria, and 1,770 from Sakhalin and the Kuriles. Included were more than 11,000 former Japanese Army personnel, 50 former naval personnel and some 3,000 civilians. - Associated Press.

LONDON SHOPPERS GET A BREAK

London, June 7.

Impatient shoppers, including many men who usually leave the standing in line to their wives, lined up today to buy in the first cloth sale they had in years.

One big West End store manager said: "We have not been so busy since Christmas."

Women were buying their first curtain in years in what the stores called "half price, half coupon sales."

The sales mean a lot to the English. Up to now they have been getting only what clothing the 26 coupons every seven or eight months would buy. When you consider a raincoat costs 16 to 18 coupons, men's suits 20, a dress 10 and that all articles, clothing and nearly all fabrics are rationed, you can see things have been tough.

In addition, the Government ten days ago granted a bonus of 12 coupons to everyone. These extra coupons were held generally until today when the half price half coupon sales started. - United Press.

MacDonald In Canton

Canton, June 8.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner-General for South East Asia, arrived here by BOAC Speedbird this morning on a private visit to Dr. T. V. Soong, Governor of Kwangtung.

Dr. Soong personally met the distinguished visitor at the airport. Others awaiting Mr. MacDonald's arrival were Mayor Auyang Chai and the British Acting Consul General, Mr. Kenneth Blackwell.

After inspecting a guard of honour, Commissioner-General MacDonald left for Dr. Soong's residence where he will stay overnight.

Mr. MacDonald, who was accompanied by a private secretary and Mr. C.B.B. Heathcote-Smith, Political Adviser to the Hong Kong Government, will return to Hong Kong tomorrow morning en route to Nanking, where he is scheduled to stay three days. The object of Mr. MacDonald's visit - his first to China - is to meet Chinese leaders and to acquaint himself with the China situation. Reuters learned. - Reuter.

Australian Mission Snubbed

Singapore, June 7.

The Left Wing Malaysian Nationalist Party snubbed the Australian goodwill mission to Southeast Asia today.

Taha Kalu, the party chairman, flatly refused an invitation to meet with W. MacMahon Ball, the leader of the Australian mission.

Two other Asian leaders - Yap Pheng Geck, President of the Straits Chinese British Association, and Inche Sardon bin Jubir, President of the Right Wing Malay Union - told MacMahon Ball the White Australia policy has caused distrust of Australia in Southeast Asia.

Australia sent the goodwill mission after the expulsion of a number of Malays, Chinese and Indonesians from Australia under the White Australia policy resulted in a wave of anti-Australian feeling in the Far East. - Associated Press.

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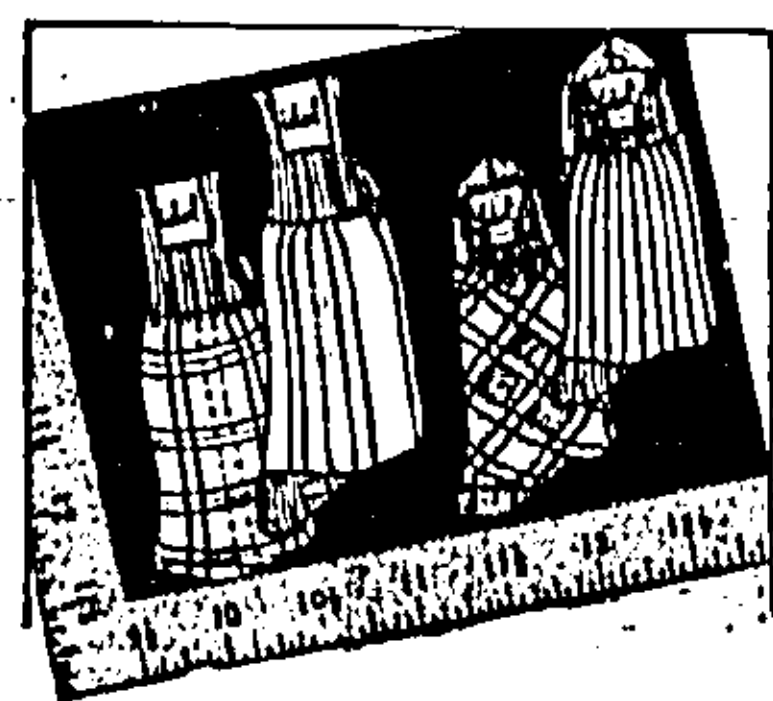
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**SIGNIFICANT SOVIET BID FOR
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GETS SURPRISE**

Lake Success, June 7.

Russia made her first open bid today to send military observers into Palestine.

Andrei A. Gromyko, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, told the United Nations Security Council he had heard that governments on the Council's Truce Commission had been asked to supply observers. They are the United States, Belgium and France.

He said that Russia is ready to send her observers also.

Gromyko thus brought into the open for the first time a question which has troubled several powers in the UN ever since the Palestine question arose. It is this: Can the United Nations stop the fighting in Palestine by force without having to include Red Army troops?

Surprised Security Council delegates promptly put off talk about observers until Thursday afternoon at least. Then they called their home governments for instructions.

U.S. Approached

Gromyko said the Council resolution setting up the mediation attempt did not state clearly how observers would be chosen. He said Russia could not accept any theory that the mere fact these three governments were on the Truce Commission gave them the right to send military observers to Palestine.

Dr. Philip Jessup, new US deputy on the Council, said the mediator had approached Washington and that the US had said it would send observers if desired.

Alexandre Parodi of France said France also had been approached and was studying the question.

Fernand van Longenhove of Belgium said the Brussels Government was approached and had agreed in principle to the proposition.

Soviet Statement

Gromyko said Russia is prepared to send military observers along with other directly interested countries. He did not mention

any other countries at this session.

In a special statement to reporters, the Soviet delegation to the United Nations said "It is reported that the United Nations mediator in Palestine and the Truce Commission are expecting military observers who have to be used in accordance with the resolution of the Security Council."

"The Soviet delegation considers it necessary to state that the U.S.S.R. is ready to send her observers as well, together with the observers of some other directly interested countries," Associated Press.

**SOCIALIST GAINS
IN LUXEMBOURG**

Luxembourg, June 7.

Unofficial returns in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg Parliamentary elections held on Sunday show the Socialist Party gained three seats from Social-Christians (Rightist-Catholics). The political composition of Parliament remains otherwise unchanged.

The poll was for the election of 26 of Luxembourg's 51 Deputies. Parliament consists only of the Deputies Chamber, half of whose members are elected every three years.

The results of Sunday's voting gave the Christian Socialists nine seats, Socialists 12, Communists four, Democratic group three and Independent one on the basis of the unofficial returns. Parliament will now be made up as follows: (second figure is party strengths before the elections).

Christian Socialists	24	(25)
Socialists	14	(11)
Democratic Group	9	(9)
Communists	5	(5)
Independence	1	(1)

No immediate change is expected in the Government of Premier Pierre Dupong, leader of the Social Christians which is a coalition of four Social Christians and three members of the Democratic Group.

Dupong and Foreign Minister Joseph Bech topped the poll in their electoral districts.

The official results are not expected before Tuesday night.—Associated Press.

**CREDIT FOR
JAPAN**

Washington, June 7.

A bill authorizing a US\$150,000,000 fund to purchase raw fibers in this country for Japanese and German textile mills was approved today by the House Armed Services Committee.

The fund would buy cotton, wool and other fibers in the U.S. The raw materials, plus starch, dyes, roller leather and carding cloth, would go to mills in occupied areas of Japan and Europe. Finished goods would be sold in regular trade channels of those countries, and the fund would be repaid.—Associated Press.

**SWEDEN'S
REPARATIONS**

London, June 7.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, said today Sweden had reiterated that the right to allocate German assets in Sweden rested ultimately with the Swedish Government.

Mr. Mayhew was answering a Parliamentary question on whether the Swedish Government has replied to the representations made on behalf of the Inter-Allied Reparations Agency.

He added that Sweden mentioned that in the proposals which she had already made she had gone as far as she could to meet the Agency's requirements.

The Swedish reply was being considered by the Agency.—Reuters.

**JAP STRIKE
CALLED OFF**

Tokyo, June 8.

The strike of the all-Japan Railway Workers Union scheduled to begin on June 15 was called off last night through mediation of the Government's Central Labour Relations Board.

The planned strike would have stranded approximately one million office workers in the nation's large cities. Labour and management agreed to accept a compromise plan offered by the Central Labour Relations Board.—Reuters.

**Missionary
Beheaded**

Vatican City, June 7.

Word has been received in the Vatican City of the beheading of Father Gennepio Indiano, Altor of the Paris Foreign Missions by the Viet Nam at Chapa, Indochina. According to scanty information received the priest was beheaded on May 18, in the church of Chapa, which he directed.

His death brings to 15 the total of priests of the Paris Foreign Missions killed during the past five years in Indochina.—Associated Press.

**MELCHIOR
IN BRITAIN**

London, June 8.

Wagnerian tenor Lauritz Melchior, Royal Singer to the Court of Denmark, will make his first appearance in Britain since 1939 at the Sheffield City Hall today. Melchior plans to give 12 recitals in this country, three of them in London and the rest in the provinces.—Associated Press.

**DEATH
PENALTY
DILEMMA**

London, June 7.

The Government has been compelled, by sheer weight of public opinion, to compromise as a way out of its dilemma over the "no hanging" Bill, it was believed here today.

Government leaders are expected to tell the Parliamentary Labour Party on Wednesday that the Cabinet can no longer fully support the motion of the House of Commons favouring the insertion against Home Office advice of a clause abolishing the death penalty for the Criminal Justice Bill.

The House of Lords, throwing out the clause by a six to one majority, interpreted much more accurately what is now seen to be the nation's feeling on the subject.

The Government is likely to propose a compromise between those who want to abolish the death penalty and those who would keep it, by recommending that it should be retained only for exceptionally brutal murders, such as the murder of children.—Reuters.

**MOUNTBATTEN
TERM NEARS END**

New Delhi, June 7.

With only two weeks left before he relinquishes office as Governor-General of India, Lord Louis Mountbatten today took an active part in trying to reach a successful conclusion to the 10-months old negotiations between India and Hyderabad. Lord Louis today met a five-man Hyderabad delegation and later conferred alone for two hours with Liaqat Ali Khan, Hyderabad Prime Minister. Tonight he received V. P. Menon, Department Secretary of State.—Associated Press.

**New Job
For Lord
Henderson**

London, June 7.

Lord Henderson has been appointed an additional Parliamentary Under-Secretary in the Foreign Office and among his tasks will be to help to administer the British Zones of Germany and Austria.

Lord Henderson, son of the late Mr. Arthur Henderson, a former Labour Foreign Secretary, is a Socialist and a political writer of long standing.

He was first elected to Parliament in 1923 and again in 1929. During the war, Lord Henderson was personal assistant to Mr. Arthur Greenwood, then a member of the War Cabinet.

After the Labour Party's victory in 1945, he was made a peer and moved to the House of Lords.

Lord Henderson's appointment will make available an additional Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State to assist in tasks connected with the occupation of Austria and Germany.

Lord Henderson will now give up his honorary title of "Lord-in-Waiting" which involves personal attendance on the Sovereign.—Reuters.

**STRIKE IN
FRENCH ZONE**

Mannheim, June 7.

Protesting "bad food conditions," 35,000 workers left their jobs at Ludwigshafen in the French zone of Germany today.

This was the first large post-war walk-out in that industrial city. French zone ration is 1,400 calories daily, compared with 1,600 in the Anglo-American zone.—Associated Press.

**EASTS' NEED FOR
CAPITAL GOODS**

Ootacamund, June 7.

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE) Committee on Industrial Development today endorsed the Industrial Working Party's view that there is an urgent need to import capital goods and basic materials from more advanced countries.

The Committee also supported the Working Party's view on appeals for assistance for capital goods to meet the needs of the region, and instructed the Secretariat to explore the possibility of devising suitable international measures to facilitate the supply of such goods.

The Committee requested all member countries to specify separately their short and long term industrialisation needs.

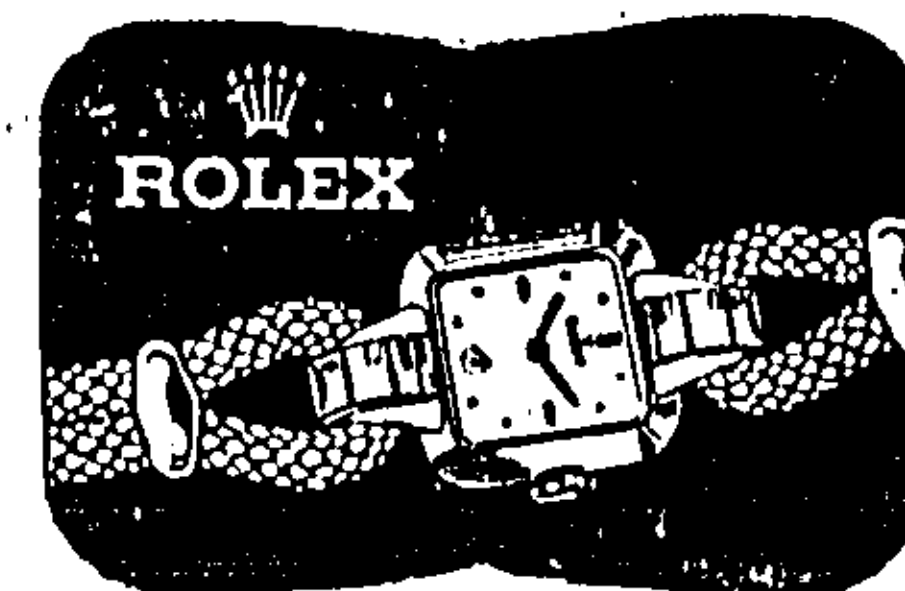
A six-point resolution adopted today by the Trade Promotion Committee called for the establishment of a trade promotion section within ECAFE, the Secretariat to carry out research and investigation of the work of this section next year, and the promotion of intra-regional trade.

The Committee also recommended that Governments in the ECAFE region give immediate consideration to the possibility of entering into working arrangements with Japan to utilise her industrial capacity within limits permitted by the Far Eastern Commission and the peace settlement yet to be concluded.

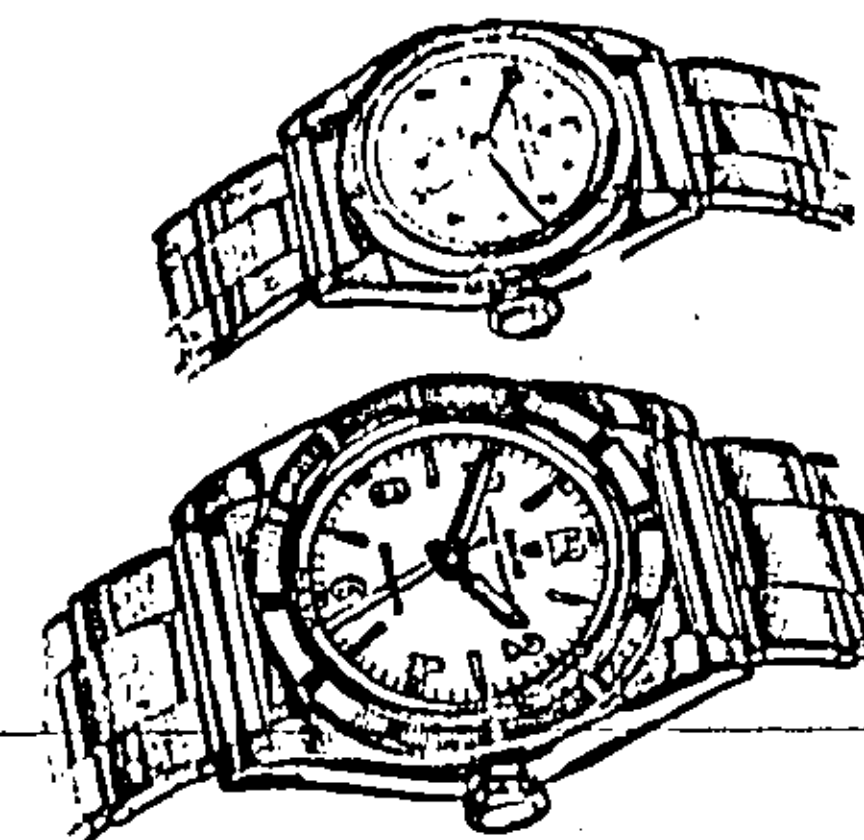
The Committee also recommended that a working party be set up to study questions arising from the utilisation of Japan's present industrial capacity. An investigation over the desirability of adopting special financial arrangements (proposed by the Philippines) and an ECAFE undertaking to study jute, silk and oilseeds were among other resolutions adopted today.—Associated Press.

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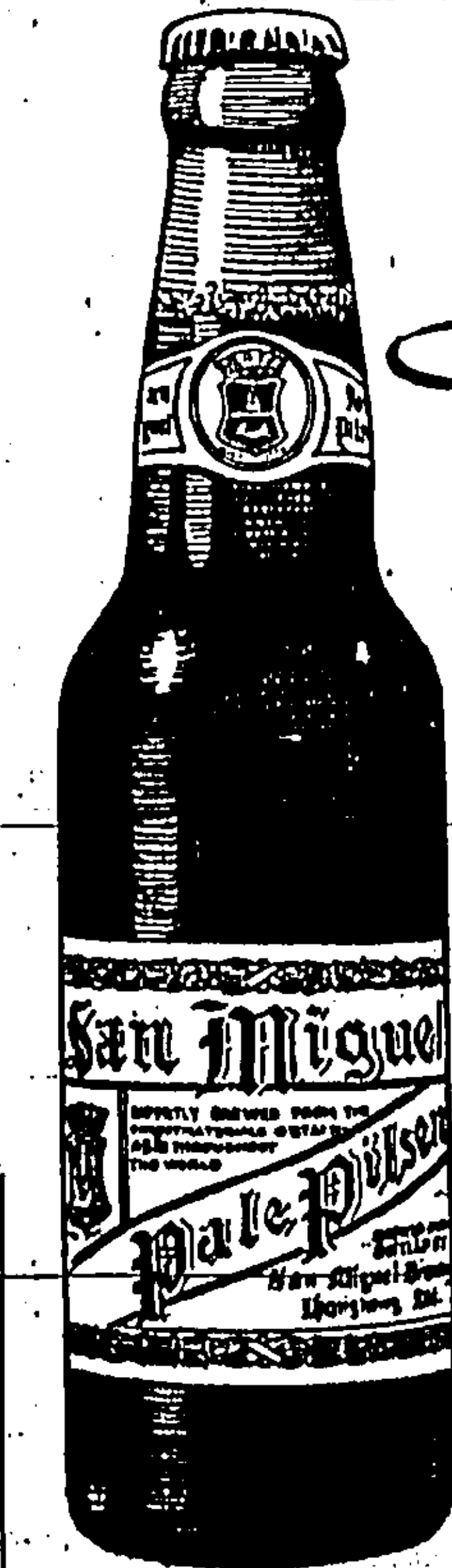


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BENES RESIGNATION WAS POLITICAL

New Constitution Left Unsigned By President GOTTWALD EXPECTED TO TAKE OVER PRESIDENCY

Prague, June 7.

The resignation today of Dr. Eduard Benes, 64-year-old President and co-founder of the Czechoslovak Republic, took place 24 hours before the "deadline" for the promulgation of Czechoslovakia's new Constitution.

In his letter of resignation, he pronounced this benediction on his country: "Let all live and work in tolerance, love and forgiveness, allowing freedom to others and enjoying freedom themselves."

He gave as his reasons his poor health and "the problems of the whole political situation."

Dr. Benes is reported to have left unsigned the new Constitution—establishing a "People's Democratic Republic"—which was put into his hands 29 days ago.

The Constitution, in its final form, was completed after the Communist coup d'état last February. A special committee had been drafting it for two years.

Dr. Benes disclosed that he first indicated his intention to resign on May 4—five days before the new Constitution was ceremonially adopted and eight weeks after his Foreign Minister, Dr. Jan Masaryk, committed suicide. M. Klement Gottwald, the Communist Premier, to whom the resignation letter was addressed, told a special session of the Cabinet today: "I tried to dissuade him for quite a long time—but, as the President insists and the medical advisers are very firm, we cannot but accept his declaration."

Gottwald As President?

M. Gottwald paid a striking tribute to Dr. Benes, saying: "He remains for ever in the history of our Republic, the struggle for freedom and independence, for a progressive and socially just State."

Dr. Benes signed his letter of resignation this morning at his country home in Sezimovo Ústí, southern Czechoslovakia, where, weary and sick, he has been in seclusion since the February crisis. Observers here forecast today that the Premier would be the next President, that M. Antonín Zapotocký, trade union leader and Deputy Premier, would take over the leadership of the Government, and M. Zdeněk Fierlinger, Social Democrat Minister of Industry, would become Deputy Premier.

As bearer of the Presidential powers, the Cabinet now has the alternative of itself signing the Constitution or waiting until a successor is found to Dr. Benes.

It is believed that the ex-President will remain at his summer home and complete his memoirs.

Voiled Comment

Dr. Benes, with M. Thomas G. Masaryk, wrested the Czechoslovak Republic from the ruins of the Austro-Hungarian Empire in 1918.

He has never made a decisive comment on the new regime established in February.

Dr. Klement, former Secretary-General of the Christian Democratic People's Party, who died in March, told Reuter in London today: "Dr. Benes, by resigning, shows that he will have nothing to do with a new Constitution which simply makes Czechoslovakia a puppet of Russia."

Only two official appearances were recorded after Dr. Benes retired to his summer residence after the February crisis. On March 13, he attended the funeral of Dr. Jan Masaryk, his Foreign Minister and son of Thomas G. Masaryk, and on April 7 he took part in the 800th anniversary celebrations of Charles University in Prague.

At the Charles University, he said: "The power of free ideas seeking the truth and nothing but the truth can break shackles."

"God willing, the universal freedom of the spirit will once more lead to prosperity and a happy future."

A Prisoner

When accepting the Communist demands on Feb. 27, he said he did so as otherwise there would be a serious rift in the country. "You want to conduct the affairs of state in a new way and according to a new form of democracy," he told M. Gottwald. "I should like to express to you, the nation and the State, the wish that this new way may prove a happy one for all."

He signed the nationalisation laws, rushed through the Assembly in March and April, and his name appeared as a signatory on the new Czech election law. Because of his great personal popularity, much importance was attached to his remaining in office—a resignation might have been construed as a signal for active resistance to the new regime.

Some reports, never confirmed, declared he was a "virtual prisoner."

When Thomas Masaryk became President of the new Republic in 1918, Dr. Benes was his Foreign Minister. He served the new State uninterruptedly in this post for 17 years until he himself became President in 1935.

Dr. Benes resigned after the Munich agreement of 1938 and escaped to the United States, where, in 1939, he was appointed a professor at Chicago University. In 1940, he went to London as President of the exiled Czech Government. In that capacity, he made a wartime visit to Moscow. He was confirmed in office after the liberation of his country and returned to Prague on May 10, 1945.—Reuter.

BENES EXPECTED TO ESCAPE

Frankfurt, June 7.

Top Czech political exiles in the United States zone of Germany believe that Dr. Benes will attempt to leave Czechoslovakia to lend his name to the anti-Communist movement.

Emigres who head the 8,000 now living in camps after crossing the border illegally, said that Dr. Benes might not take active part in any exile government because of his age and health but would give support of his name and record.

The news of his resignation met with satisfaction among the refugees in the camps, here, but many said that he should have done it earlier or "it would have meant more in February."

Pavel Tigrid, former editor of the Catholic Peoples Party press in Czechoslovakia said that the resignation was "further and final proof that the present regime in Czechoslovakia attained power by fraud and intrigue."

Tigrid said that during the February crisis, Dr. Benes sent a definite message to the Czech political leaders in exile that he is resigning his post "very soon."

He added: "In this message the President made it clear that he is not going to return to Prague castle. The President kept his word. Now he has shown that the new so-called constitution as well as the recent elections are not valid and did not get the approval of a great majority of the people."—United Press.

BENES RESIGNATION SIGNIFICANCE

London, June 7.

Fugitive members of the old Czechoslovakian Parliament in a statement in London today said that the resignation of President Benes was a triple protest against political developments in Czechoslovakia.

The resignation, the statement said, was Benes' condemnation of: 1—The Communist seizure of Power in a coup last February.

2—The single list election last month.

3—The new constitution. About 30 members of the old Parliament who escaped from Czechoslovakia are in London.—Associated Press.

No Rotting Spuds In Britain

London, June 7. Dr. Edith Summerskill, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Food, today flatly denied allegations in Congress by Representative John Taber, Republican, New York, that British potatoes rotted in large amounts even while potatoes were being rationed here.

She was replying to a Parliamentary question by Captain Raymond Blackburn, Labour, who called Representative Taber's statements "wild allegations," and asked Dr. Summerskill to "make it quite plain that large amounts of food have not been lost and not dumped and allowed to rot away."

"I would like to state categorically that a large amount of food in this country has not been lost," she said. "There has been no more deterioration among potatoes this year than in preceding years." Representative Taber's reports of food waste bolstered his successful attack on allotments of aid under the European Recovery programme.—Associated Press.

Comet Seen In America

Cleveland, June 7.

A brilliant comet, believed to be the discovery of a Japanese astronomer named Honda, flashed into the sky over Cleveland on Sunday. Dr. J. J. Massau said he had made what probably were the first photographs of the heavenly body, but added that the comet was bright enough to be visible to the naked eye.—Associated Press.

Scotsman's Narrow Escape

Rangoon, June 7.

Two Gurkha factory guards were killed and several wounded in a three-hour gun battle that followed a raid by 700 bandits on a sugar factory at Toungoo, 130 miles north of Rangoon, during the week-end.

Mr. Alexander McLaughlin, the Scots manager of the factory, had a narrow escape and hid in an oil tank until the arrival of a train from Rangoon.

The raiders, Indians and Burmese, said to be Communists, took away their casualties after looting Mr. McLaughlin's house.

Soldiers and police were sent to the district, where the situation is reported to be normal.—Reuter.

GRISWOLD INJURED

Athens, June 7.

The American Aid Administrator to Greece, Mr. Dwight Griswold, is recovering today from head lacerations and bruises he suffered yesterday near here when a truck wrecked Mr. Griswold's car.

Mrs. Griswold and a Greek woman friend were also injured.—United Press.

LOGICAL OUTCOME OF RED COUP

London, June 7.

The timing of the resignation of Dr. Benes one day before the last date prescribed for his signature of the new Communist-inspired Constitution is seen in London as a strong indication that political motives, not ill-health, were the determining factor in the decision, wrote Reuters diplomatic correspondent.

Diplomatic observers noted that the phrasing of the official Prague announcement of his resignation did not specifically give ill-health as the cause, although it referred in passing to the recommendation of Dr. Benes' physicians—that he should resign.

No official British comment was available tonight but it was felt in London that Dr. Benes' action was the logical outcome of the Communist coup in Prague last February, which marked a decisive break with the policy of close friendship with the West which had been the tradition of the Czechoslovak Republic since its birth in 1918.

The coup marked the failure of Dr. Benes' policy of friendship for the West and gave sole power to the men who believed that friendship with the Soviet Union overrides all other obligations.

Since then, those Czechoslovak politicians who believed in friendship with the West—especially those who spent the

American Aid For China

Washington, June 7.

The first ship carrying food to China under the US foreign aid act is due in Shanghai on June 18, the ECA says.

The American Mail liner Donald McLeary is now en route loaded with 6,304 long tons of wheat and flour loaded at Portland.

ECA said other food ship arrivals include the President Taft at Shanghai on July 7 with flour from Los Angeles; the Idaho of the States Steamship Company with 2,100 tons of flour from Seattle; Tacoma, arrival date uncertain, and two Chinese ships with 5,600 tons each of wheat, to be loaded at west coast ports next week, sailing date not yet fixed.—Associated Press.

PALESTINE POLICIES "UNJUST"

Washington, June 7.

United States policy in Palestine is condemned as "unjust, unrealistic, fantastically short-sighted and foolish" in a new book by Mr. Sumner Welles, a former Under-Secretary of State, who blames both Britain and America for the Palestine war.

The book, to be published tomorrow, is entitled "We Need Not Fail" and deals primarily with the Palestine problem.

The "final error" of the United States and the "antagonistic attitude of the British," he says, "were directly responsible for the progressive and rapid deterioration of the Palestine situation."

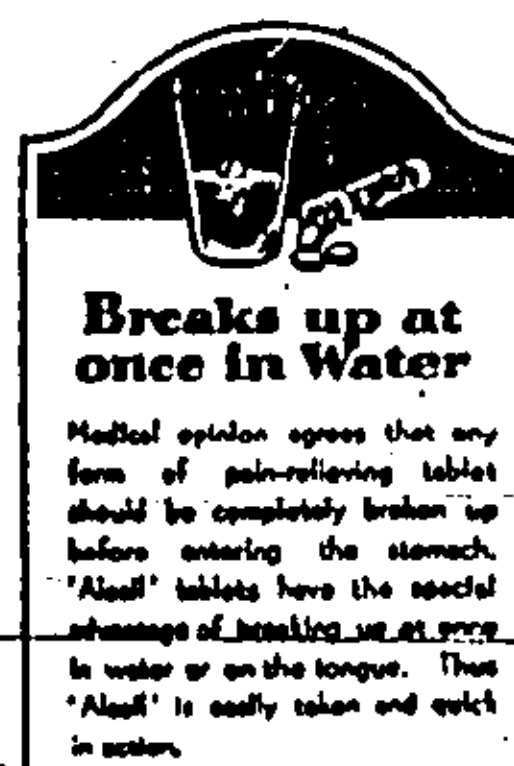
Mr. Welles declared there can be no hope for peace in Palestine unless the position plan is revised by the United Nations, backed by military force and officially supported by the United States.

He says the "policies of selfish and short-sighted expediency" pursued by Britain and the United States "have done more to bankrupt the Security Council than Russia's vetoes."—Reuter.

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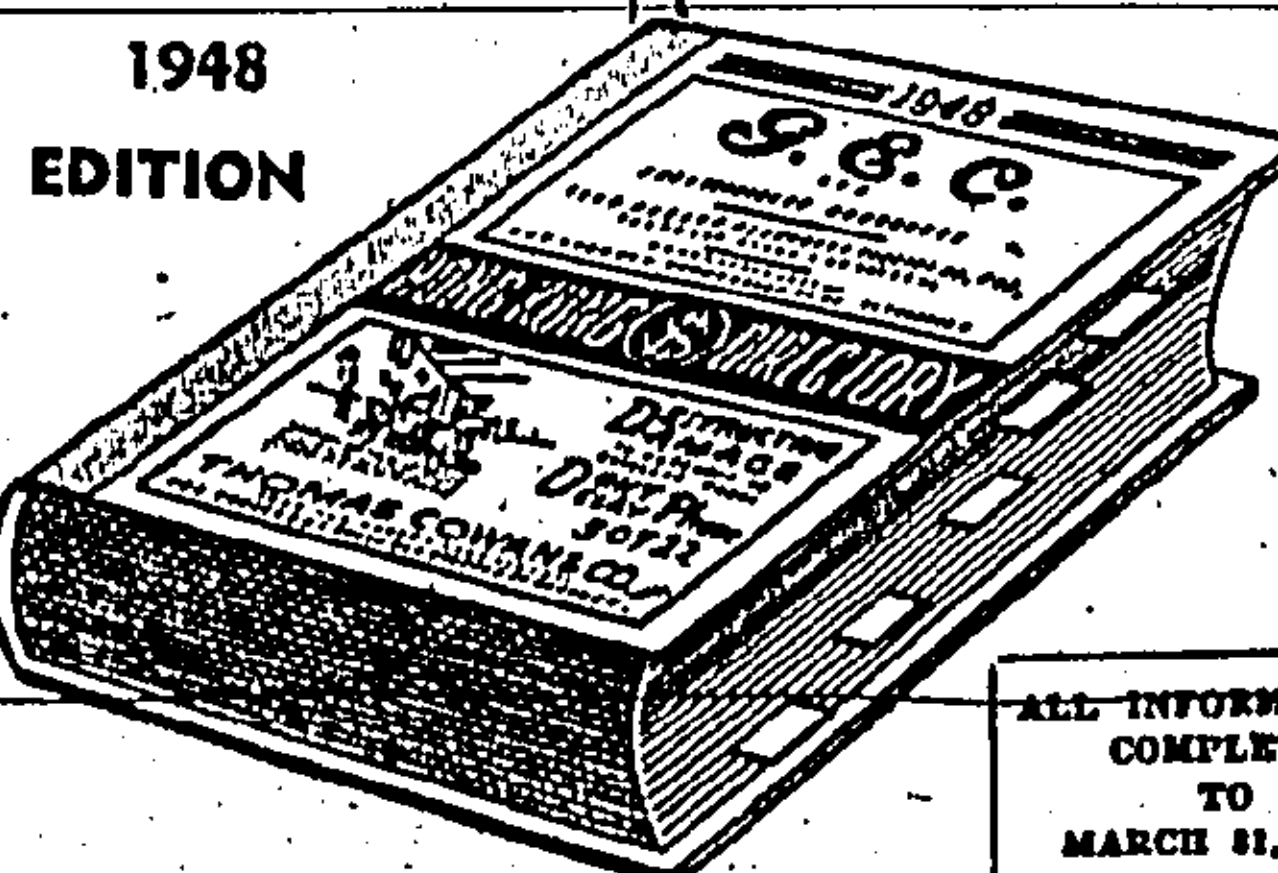


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COUNTER-OFFENSIVE ON MARSHALL SCHEME CUTS Vandenberg Rallies Forces For Battle

DUTCH ALARM AT CUTS

The Hague, June 7. Dutch political circles were highly astonished and alarmed by the House cut of Marshall aid.

There is still hope and expectation, however, that the action of the Senate or, if necessary, President Truman's veto will nullify the "disastrous" move.

It is commented that the cut by the House would degrade the aid from a real contribution for the reconstruction of Europe to a mere "handout" which, instead of giving Europe new power, would become once more a customer of the United States, would give the Continent at the best a temporary relief from daily worries.

The political side, however, is more dangerous since the Communists are displaying a feverish campaign activity in the Parliamentary elections.

The promised American aid formed the strongest argument against Communist propaganda. But now the Dutch Communists plan to build their electioneering campaign entirely upon the slogan: "Look to Eastern Europe. The Americans have broken their promises and let you down."

United Press.

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2.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

2.15 p.m.—Children's Half Hour: "Alice in Wonderland" by Lewis Carroll.

2.30 p.m.—"The ABC" Variety Request Programme Presented by Simon Hume (Studio).

2.45 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

3.15 p.m.—Fred Hartley and His Music (Studio).

3.30 p.m.—"Paul Temple and Steve" by Francis Durbridge (HUTTS).

3.45 p.m.—Jazz Outing (HUTTS).

4.15 p.m.—"His Hour upon the Stage" by A. T. T. (Studio).

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AIM TO RESTORE ORIGINAL SUMS

Washington, June 7.

Intensive behind-the-scenes preparations were being made here today for the great "counter-offensive" to be launched in the Senate Appropriations Committee on Wednesday against the House of Representatives 26 per cent cut in Marshall Plan funds.

The key figure in the battle—expected to be the most dramatic Congressional clash of this session—will be Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who is reported to be "fighting mad" over the House of Representatives slash.

It was clear today that he intended to take his full prestige into the fight for "unconditional surrender" from his fellow Republicans in the House.

It was also hoped with some confidence that he would carry the Senate with him, but whether he can do the same with the House of Representatives is less assured.

Mr. Vandenberg will appear before the Senate Committee with Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, and Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, the Economic Co-operation Administrator.

No Compromise
Reports were circulating in Congressional lobbies today that a "compromise" was being prepared which would spread the reduced funds over 12 instead of 15 months but sources close to Senator Vandenberg insisted he would be satisfied with nothing less than total restoration of the original \$5,300 million (£1,325 million).

Meanwhile the Government is going ahead with the Marshall plan purchases and shipments on the theory that the Senate will restore the cuts.

Confidence that the Senate will reverse the House action grew over the week-end with Senator Vandenberg's decision to lead the fight.

Administration officials said that they felt that the Senate will heed Vandenberg's plea on the ground that the Russians would benefit from any failure of the programme.

Strong Enough
Vandenberg's prestige as leader of the Republican Foreign policy makers is believed to be strong enough to cause the House to accept the original amount.

If the Senate restores the funds a conference between the Senate and the House Committees will seek to reconcile their differences.

—Reuter and Associated Press.

JAPS ON TRIAL

Shanghai, June 8.

Two more Japanese war-time officers, Col. Y. Bushida and Col. Ogie, commanders in Hunan and Shansi provinces, were sentenced to death by a high military court here for atrocities and murder against Chinese civilians and rape and plunder committed in their respective regions. —Reuter.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

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USEFUL AT NO TRUMPS

LEADING away from non-touching honours is usually unwise against a suit contract because there are seldom more than two or three high-card tricks taken in any side suit against a trump contract and therefore the jeopardizing of these constitutes net loss, with no compensating gain. Against a No Trump contract, however, it may pay to waste one or more of those high-tricks if by so doing you establish one or more lower-cards-as-trick-takers.

S. A Q 7 3
H. A K 8 8
D. 8 8
C. K 10 5
S. J
H. 9 2
D. A Q 6
C. 4 2
S. 10 9 5 4
H. J 10 7 3
D. 10 5 3
C. A 2

(Dealer: East. North - South vulnerable.)

East South West North
Pass Pass 1 D Dbl
Pass 1 NT Pass 2 NT
Pass 3 NT

West allowed South's No Trump bid to scare him out of leading his diamonds. A lead of that suit would be likely to present South with a trick, he reckoned, and so he chose instead his club 4. East won with the A and returned his diamond 10, which South covered with the J and the Q could win. West reckoned, however, that this would kill the whole suit, so he

TOMORROW'S PROBLEM

S. A 10 5
H. Q 7 5 2
D. J 10
C. A Q 8 2

S. 9 2
H. A J 10
D. K 7 2
C. J 7 6 4

S. K Q J 8 7
H. K 4
D. A Q 9 8
C. K 3

(Dealer: West. North - South vulnerable.)

How should South play to avoid loss of a trick in each red suit after West leads the spade 9 against 6-Spades?

CHOICE BEFORE YOUTH

Oxford, Ohio, June 7.

The Chinese Ambassador, Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo, declared at Miami University's 109th annual commencement today that modern world civilization was at the crossroads.

Dr. Koo said today's youth—tomorrow's leaders—would have to decide which of two ideologies—genuine democracy or totalitarian Communism—would determine future civilization.

He pleaded for a stronger bond between the Western Hemisphere and China as a bulwark against Communism, asserting that China's reservoir of manpower, raw materials and mineral resources was the key to Asia's future.

Democracy's superiority is shown by the comparative treatment the two ideologies have accorded other nations in recent years, Dr. Koo added. He said the combined forces of Asia and the new Hemisphere would make the full of Communism inevitable. —United Press.

EGYPT'S PROFIT FROM COTTON

Cairo, June 7.

The Egyptian Government has made £27,000,000 profit this year from the sale of its cotton, most of it from this year's crop.

The Government still has 287,000 bales of cotton in stock, mostly long staple. —Associated Press.

DEWEY AND STASSEN BACK RESTORATION

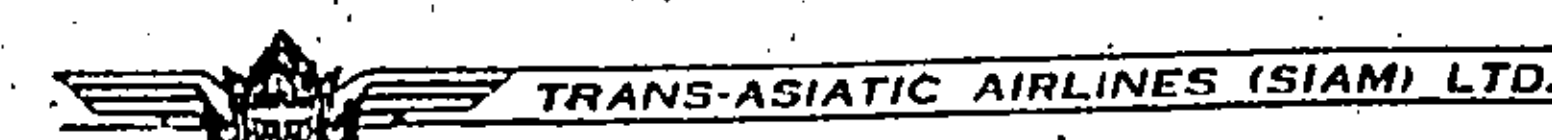
Washington, June 7.

Two leading contenders for the Republican Presidential nomination called today for restoration of the U.S. foreign aid cuts voted by the Republican-dominated House of Representatives.



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HOTEL PRICES

It is a fair assumption that the objection to Government intervention and prospective interference with hotel rates, voiced by a proprietor in yesterday's "China Mail," expresses but mildly the protestations certain to be forthcoming at the implication that hotel charges in the Colony are excessive. Today's letters present the opposite side of the story—and there can be little or no doubt about where public sympathy will rest.

The Government has taken a long time to bestir itself to action; but if the decision is belated it is no less welcome. In the absence of special legislation to govern the operation of hotels and boarding-houses, it was a grave mistake on Government's part to exclude them from the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance. The result has been the conversion into private hotels—where extortionate prices could be imposed for rooms—of premises which otherwise would have been preserved as ordinary residential property, and the creation of a system of standard rates which, for all but the Government servant whose bill, or a large part of it, is met by the Government, has meant serious hardship. The position does not look the better when, as alleged by an earlier correspondent, and more or less admitted by the hotel proprietor, it appears that Government servants have been given specially favoured treatment and differential rates are applied, to the disadvantage of the non-government wage slave, in many of the private hotels. Such circumstances carry a most unpleasant suggestion of a consideration granted to dissuade Government against butting in on a racket.

The demand which has now gone out for the facts and figures removes any impression of double-dealing on that particular score, and Government may proceed in confidence that it has the full backing of public opinion. The hotels, always full because the Colony is crowded with permanent residents who seek in vain for private accommodation to which prohibitive key money demands are not attached, have had a good innings. Not all of them have prospered in the strict sense of the term, but none has had any reason to suffer financial embarrassment. The case for control of rates is incontrovertible, for while there may be instances where examination of the scales will amount to a pure formality, and no modification will be recommended, there are far too many, especially among those newly sprung up, where the rates bear no relation whatever to real values.

No final answer to this problem will, of course, be found until the provision of new housing has caught up with the abnormal demand, and hotels are once again dependent upon the transient for the larger part of their revenue. Until then, the close supervision of prices is more than justified on the known facts. It can only be hoped, indeed, that a decision to act having been reached, there will now be no squeamishness about the fixing of rates.

KEITH BUTLER, "The Press and Journal" Special Correspondent in Greece, here tells a simple but saddening story which is, however, not only the story of one man and his farm, but is, too,

THE RED KNIFE CUTTING GREECE

Nicos is a patriot. The Greek Army has burned down the little farm he had built during the last thirty years. But Nicos is still a patriot. He has a wife and six children. With the whole family working hard, the farm just kept them.

When the Albanian War began in 1940 Nicos was called up to fight back the Italian invaders. He went gladly, for he loves Greece above all.

His regiment thought Nicos a brave man. Three times he was mentioned in dispatches and finally was decorated for valour. But Nicos thought his wife was the brave one, for she kept the farm running and brought up his children all by herself while he fought in the mountains.

While Greece was occupied by the enemy Nicos gave what help he could to the resistance movement in his district. And he worked twenty-four hours a day to keep his family from starving to death when the enemy or the resistance took away the little his farm produced.

In those years he learnt to recognise and fear the Communist plans to dominate Greece which were hidden behind the romantic appeal of E.A.M. resistance. Nicos feared for the future.

and impossible promises. Because of his love he gave up arguing with them.

One day last autumn they left the house and joined the Communist guerrillas in the mountains. Just before Christmas they both came to his house with other guerrillas, armed with rifles and tommy-guns. After a short greeting they demanded food and shelter. Nicos argued, but had to give way. What else could he do?

Afraid

There were his brothers. Moreover he was afraid for his family and the farm. Terrible stories of the cruel guerrilla reprisals, where men had killed father and brother, being brought every day by the terror-stricken refugees from the north.

And the nearest Greek troops were miles away. Nicos gave in, and for two days the guerrillas hid and rested on his farm.

Three days later Greek army troops came to Nicos' village on clearing-up operations. From the leading villagers they heard how Nicos had helped the guerrillas.

The major in charge of the area had no choice. In this grim struggle for Greece's freedom any help to the guerrillas operating behind the Greek Army's lines is a matter of life and death for the troops.

Until the last of General Markos' Communist guerrillas have been killed, captured or driven from Greece, there can be no peace or recovery for the country.

Every day villages and farms are being destroyed, and men, women and children slaughtered with barbaric cruelty by Markos' men. Roads are mined, bridges and trains blown up, power stations and water works sabotaged by guerrillas operating behind the Greek Army's lines while it fights the main battle in the snow-covered mountains.

In the fertile north farming and productive work have dwindled to nothing as the peasants are fleeing to the safety of the big towns. Those who stay are liable to be killed as nationalists or conscripted to serve the guerrilla bands under threat of death or reprisal on their families.

Women Carried Off

Daily scores of women and young girls are being carried off by the guerrillas to be used as pack animals and as part of a systematic plan to break down the communal life and morale. With these thoughts in his mind, the major gave the order to burn down the farm of the man who had given shelter to the enemies of the Greek State and people. Nicos and his family were allowed to carry away what they could take out in their arms. Then, silent and sad, they watched the flames consume their life.

The major and the soldiers took pity on them. For as long as they could, they lent them a tent. Meanwhile Nicos built a mud hut to house himself and his family when the tent could no longer be spared.

Now they live in the mud hut, which has neither light nor windows. The door has to be left open to the cold winds so that they can see. And Nicos tries to rebuild his life.

The strangest thing of all is that he is not bitter. "Of course, I don't hate the Army," he says. "They had to do it. But what else could I do?"

UNION ATTACK ON STUDENTS

Shanghai, June 8.
Eighty labour unions here issued a manifesto yesterday, denouncing the "vocational" student movement against American aid to Japan, and suggested that such matters should be presented to the United States Government by the people's representatives through the proper diplomatic channels.

The unions included all labourers employed in import-export industries such as cotton mills, telephone, power and water companies, hotel guilds and piece goods guilds.

Among other things the manifesto said that "to oppose America for helping Japan is one thing and to oppose America is another. These two should not be mixed up. If you are against America for helping Japan, why do you oppose America for helping China?"

It is obvious you are doing this for the Communists. We are labourers. We are real proletarians. We are against the Communists who are trying to sell out our nation. You vocational students are studying with Government subsidies which we have saved with our sweat and blood. Instead of helping your Government you are assisting the Communists and ignoring Chinese-American relations.

"We labourers will not let you continue like this." Meanwhile, Communist elements among local students are reported to be still planning to stage an "Anti-United States Aid to Japan" demonstration or to take other action within this week.

One report said the date for the demonstration has been fixed by the Communists for June 20. Police and garrison authorities are continuing their strict watch on university campuses.—Reuter.

BRITAIN THE ONLY SUPPLIER

Sydney, June 7.
Britain will now be the sole supplier of moderate and high priced cars to Australia where a ban on the import of luxury American cars has been extended to medium as well as expensive models.

This is a move to save dollars. Import licensing officials stated today that more cars would be imported from America but only models of the cheaper type.

Sensor Benjamin Courtice, Minister for Trade and Customs, said today that licences were being refused for import from dollar areas of all goods which could be made in Australia or bought outside the dollar area.

He added that this principle had been in force for the last six months but would be enforced more strictly in the new imports schedule.—Reuter.

P.I. CONGRESS SUMMONED

Manila, June 7.
A 10-day special session of the Philippine Congress, beginning June 14, was set by an Executive proclamation last night by President Quirino. The session will consider important legislative measures which will be submitted by the Chief Executive.—Reuter.

MIKIMOTO IN THE NEWS

By EDWARD BISHOP

Most of you are well acquainted with Mr. Mickey Mouse, but how many people, I wonder, know anything about Mr. Mikimoto, who has recently popped into the news?

Mr. Mikimoto is the man who made the cultured pearl business famous. He was the "brain" behind Japan's prosperous pre-war pearl export trade.

Today, Australians are trying to discover the secret Mikimoto method of pearl culture in order to increase the Empire's dollar harvest from the pearl shell.

Jap "Poachers"

Before the war the Japanese did most of the deep-sea diving for pearls along the Australian coast. They "poached" more than 2,000,000 worth of pearls from Australian territorial waters.

Now Australia's pearlers are busy turning the 2,000 mile coastline from Broome, in Western Australia, as far as Thursday Island, into a dollar-earning stretch of ocean.

At one time Australia's pearling fleet of 500 luggers operated without competition, but along came the depression of the early thirties, and many pearlers found it difficult to keep going because of the drop in the price of pearl shell.

They beached their boats and left the Japs in control of the industry, which was fostered by the Japanese Government because the pearlers were able to supply valuable naval intelligence for the coming war.

Hundreds of Japanese even camped out on the lonely North Australian coast. Surprisingly they transplanted pearl shell to their own waters in order to foster pearl "culture"—the Mikimoto secret.

Started World

Son of a poor pedlar, Mr. Mikimoto went into the profitable pearl business when the British fleet visited Japan away back in 1875. When the sailors came in Mikimoto!

Batavia, June 7.
Dr. Hubertus Van Mook, Lieutenant Governor General of the Netherlands East Indies, tonight invited Dr. Mohammed Hatta, Premier of the Indonesian Republic, to Batavia for direct talks on the disputes between them.

The international status of the Republic is one of the most urgent of these questions. A Dutch communique earlier said it was hoped a further step by Dr. Van Mook would end the "unfounded excitement" over the situation.

No reply had yet been received to the invitation, a Dutch spokesman said. Nor was there any answer yet to a note which two special delegates took to Dr. Hatta last week—thought to contain a protest against an agreement with the Soviet Union signed in Prague by Dr. Suriano, a representative of the Republic, for an exchange of diplomatic representatives.

Dr. Hatta told correspondents in Jogjakarta today that he did not know what sort of agreement Dr. Suriano had concluded with Russia, and therefore he could not say whether the Republic would ratify it.

"Conciliatory"

Republican communications abroad were bad, Dr. Hatta said, and he did not know whether Dr. Suriano had received his Government's orders to return to Jogjakarta.

It was believed here that the Republicans would tell the Dutch they accepted the clause in last January's "Renville" agreement in which Dutch sovereignty is recognized until the "present negotiations end in the setting up of a United States of Indonesia."

ashore on leave he would sell them eggs in order to finance his pearl trade.

In 1894 Mikimoto produced a "bister"—or half—a pearl, and twenty years later he started the world with a perfect replica of the natural gem.

European jewellers sued him for marketing an imitation as the real thing, but scientists gave evidence that his pearl had the same substance, colour and material as pearls found in the South Sea oyster.

In 1924 Mikimoto established a pearl farm in the Pains Islands. Ten years later he put nearly thirty thousand first-class pearls on the world markets.

It was to Palao that the Japs took most of the pearl shell they "poached" from Australian waters.

Mikimoto's men even put the pearl-shells back into the ocean until they were ready to introduce the "culture." Then Japanese women "hooked" the shell from the sea bed and it was taken to laboratories, where the nucleus of the pearl-to-be was inserted.

The nucleus can be anything from a grain of dirt to a piece of seaweed, so long as it will allow the mother-of-pearl to grow round it.

After the operation the shell is returned to the sea. Within ten years the pearl is ready.

Australian Check-Up

Today the Australians are anxious to discover the secret developed by the poor egg pedlar Mikimoto. They are checking all possible sources of information.

That is why they are interested in the news that a special rope of pearls which was given by Mikimoto to the Chinese Empress Pu Yi, wife of the last of the Manchukuo Emperors of China, has been put up for sale.

In America before the war you could buy a tinned oyster guaranteed to contain a pearl. The pearls were cultured special had popped in by the Japanese—a la carte a 1875.

CHINESE PREMIER UNDER FIRE

Nanking, June 7.
The Premier, Mr. Wang Wen-hao's, foreign policy statement at today's Kuomintang memorial service drew sharp criticism from the party's legislators who attended the assembly at the invitation of the Generalissimo.

Mr. Wang said efforts will be directed towards the strengthening of the United Nations Organisation, re-educating the Japanese people and seeking co-operation with other nations in establishing world peace.

He was criticised by the legislators that the Government in the past had consistently failed to adopt an independent foreign policy. The result was, they said, the Government had obtained goodwill from none, while trying to please all.

It was suggested that, once and for all, the Government should now clarify its attitude towards the Soviet Union instead of continuing to pursue what was described as an "ambiguous" foreign policy.

In the domestic field, Mr. Wang promised to balance the national budget, revise the taxation system and formulate plans for reforming the Chinese currency.—Reuter.

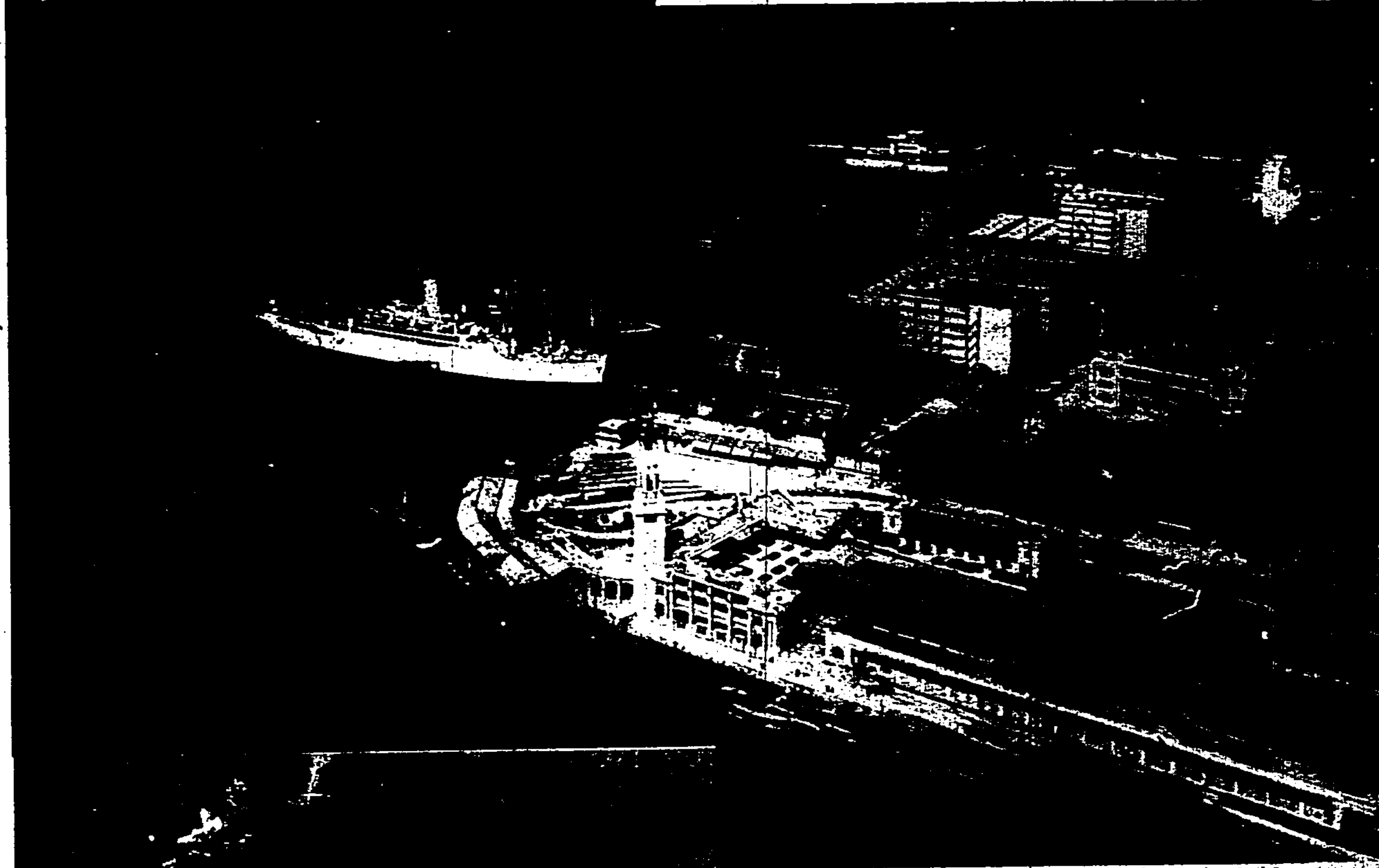
CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner

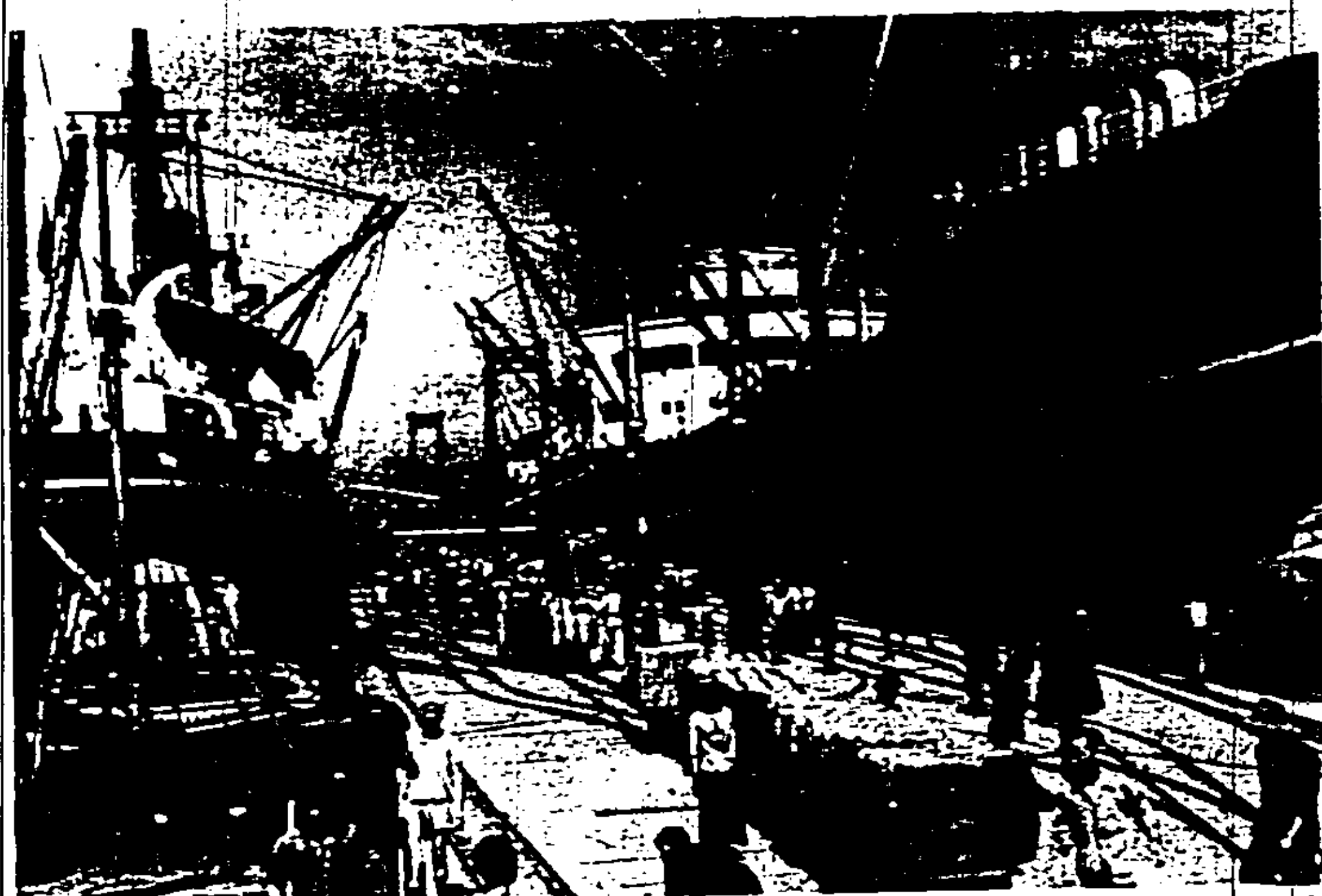


"Tell the newsmen to keep their shirts on, Miss Meggal. I'll give them my statement as soon as I've checked it to eliminate words with only one meaning!"

General view of Kowloon Point, showing Wharf Company's premises with eight vessels alongside.



Aerial view of the South end of the Kowloon Point property, showing the first six berths occupied. Aerial Photos by R.A.F.



KOWLOON-THE WAREHOUSE OF EAST ASIA

In the godowns of the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, a veritable Aladdin's Cave storing an amazing variety of products from every country in the world, Hong Kong's claim to be the warehouse of East Asia asserts itself.

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30,000 tons of military stores and equipment were handled across the wharves. To-day, of 11 berths, nine are in full operation and reconstruction of the remaining two is in hand.

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Vessels discharged at the Wharves. The Light Railway System extends throughout the premises and ensures rapid movement of cargo.





FELICITATIONS.—Sir Robert Ho Tung proposing a toast to the bride and bridegroom at the reception which followed the marriage of Mr. Ho Hung-to, grandson of Mr. Ho Kom-tong, and Miss Pau Kwok-hing. Sir Robert is the grand uncle of the groom.

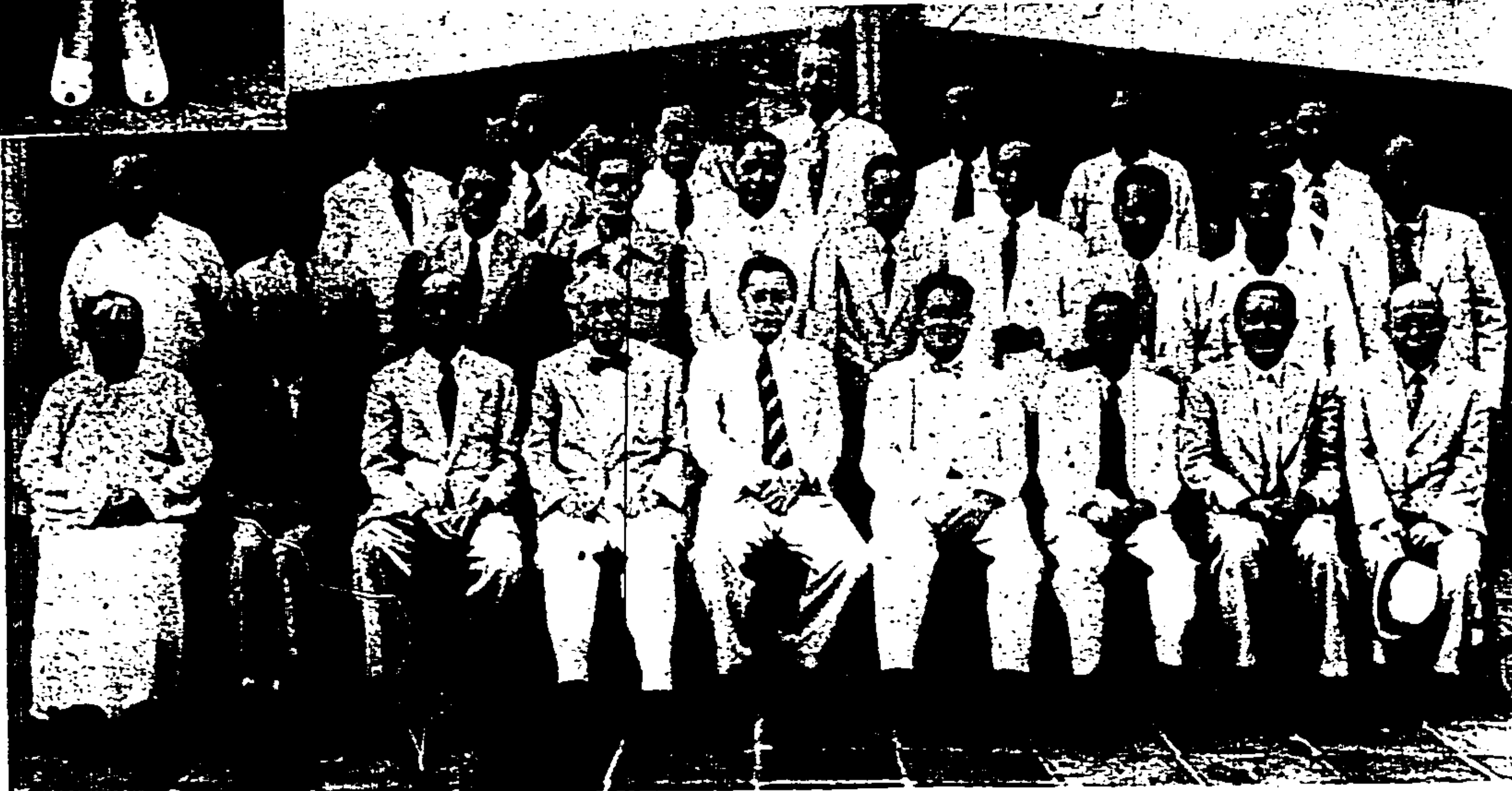


VIETNAM LEADERS.—Lt. General Nguyen Van Xuan who has been endeavouring to form a provision government in Vietnam, photographed with the ex-Emperor Bao Dai. The political situation is still in a state of flux. (Gainsborough picture)

ROSARY CHURCH.—Group taken after last week's wedding between Miss Emma Leong and Mr. Pat Richards. (Victor Studio)

MARRIED.—Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Martin photographed after their wedding last week. The bride was formerly Miss Florence Margaret Fowler. (Francis Wu)

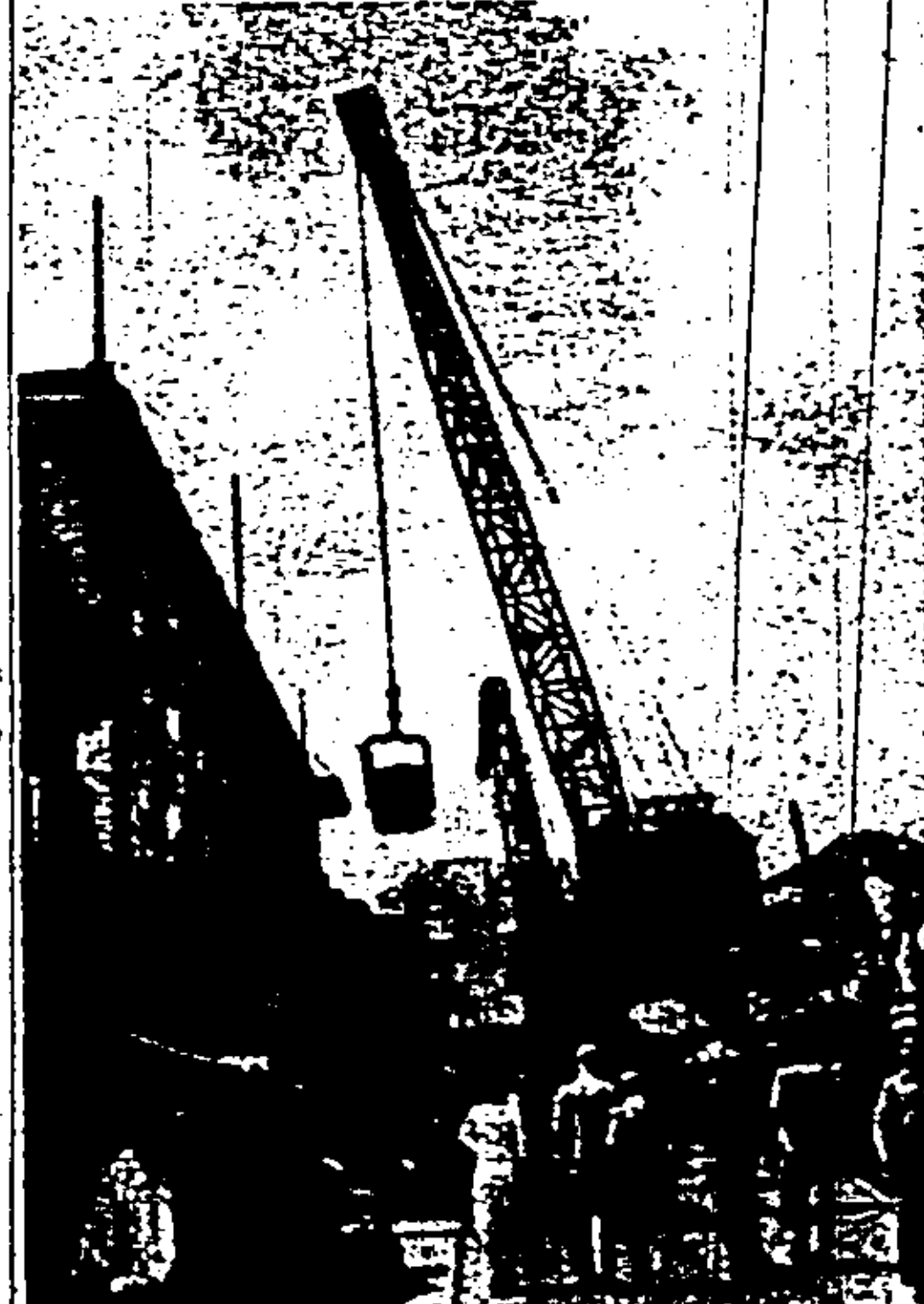
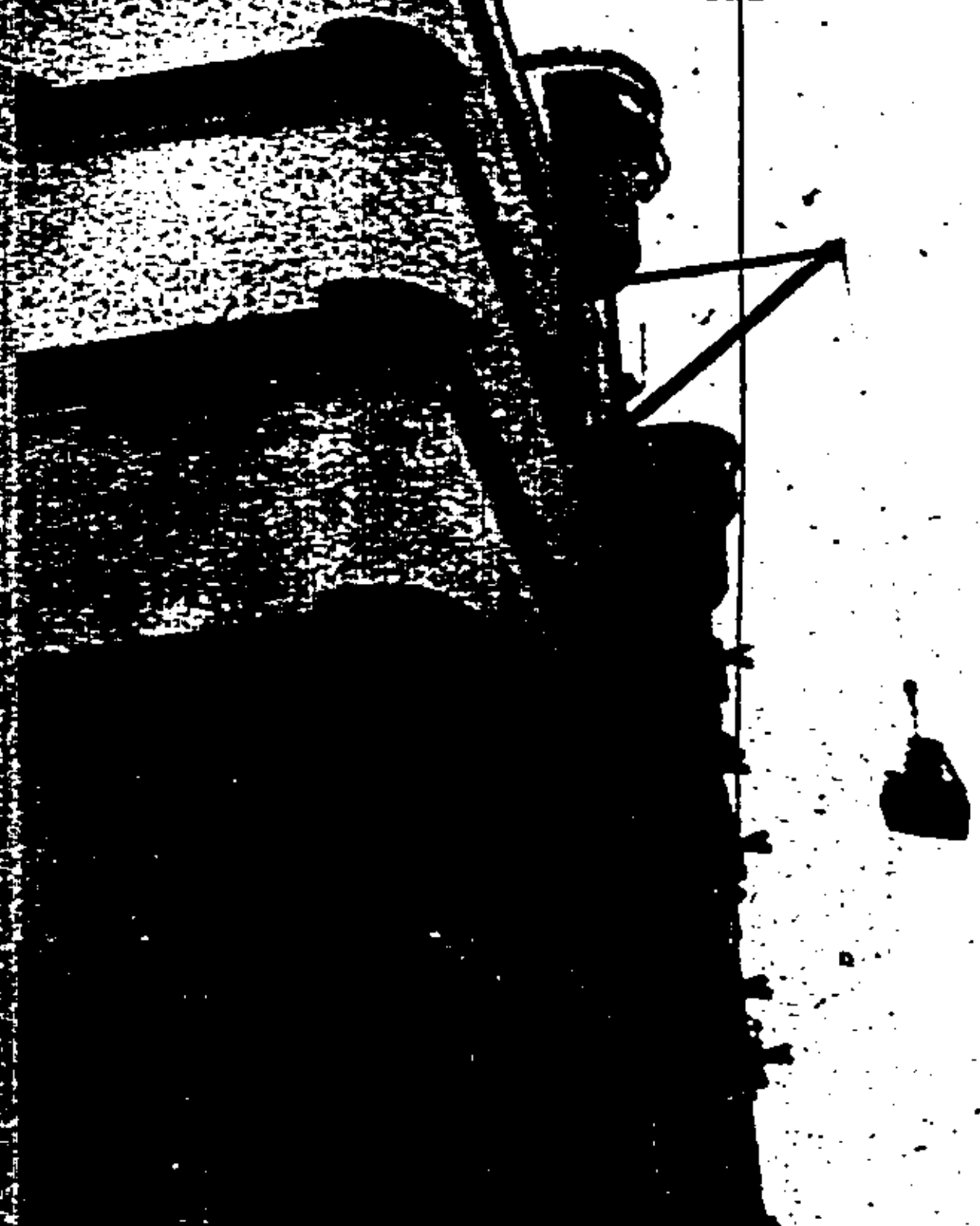
CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.—A group of the executive committee and directors of the Chinese Chamber taken after the sixteenth election recently. The validity of the election has been the subject of legal proceedings. (Sun Ying Ming)





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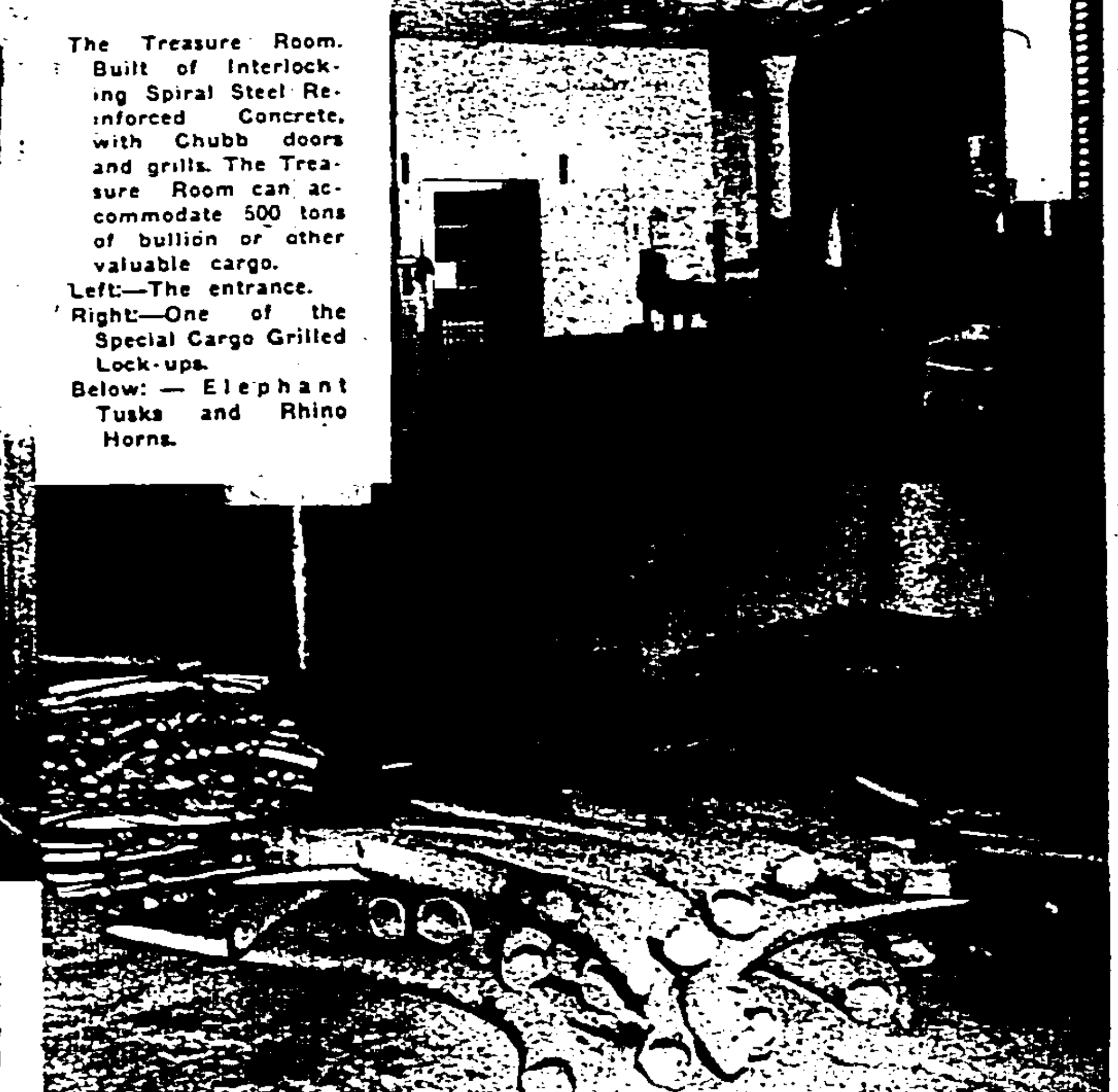
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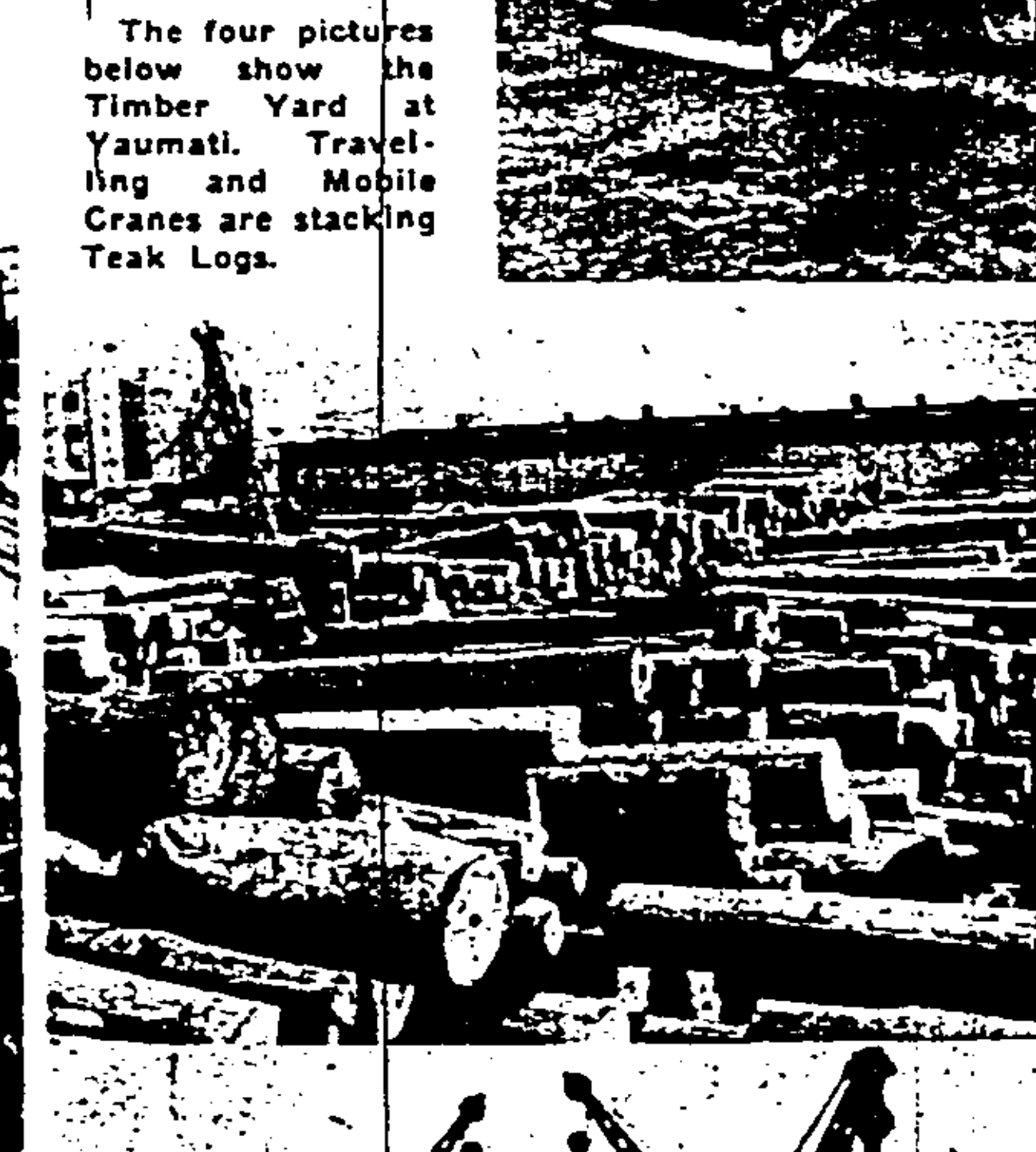
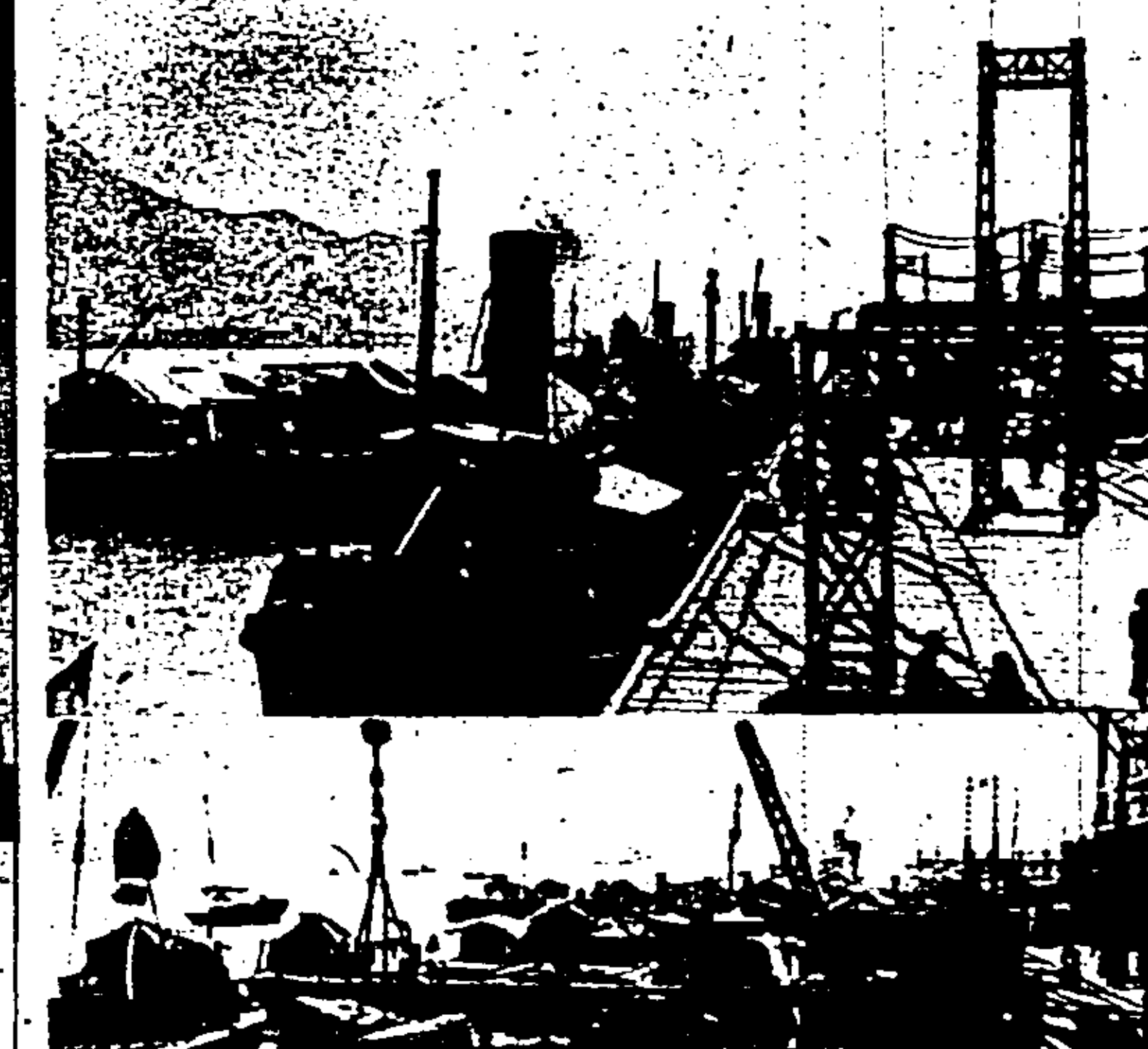
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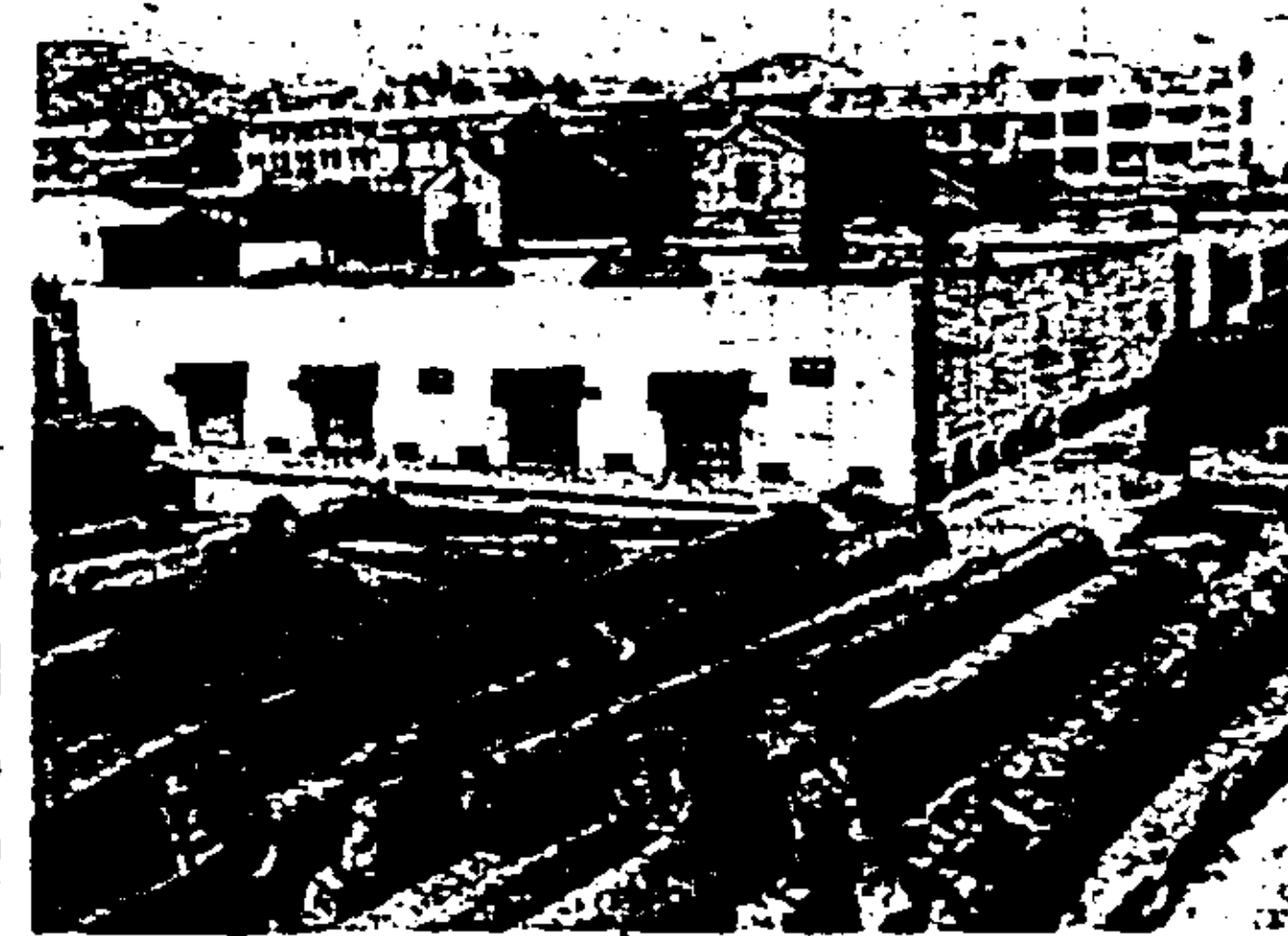
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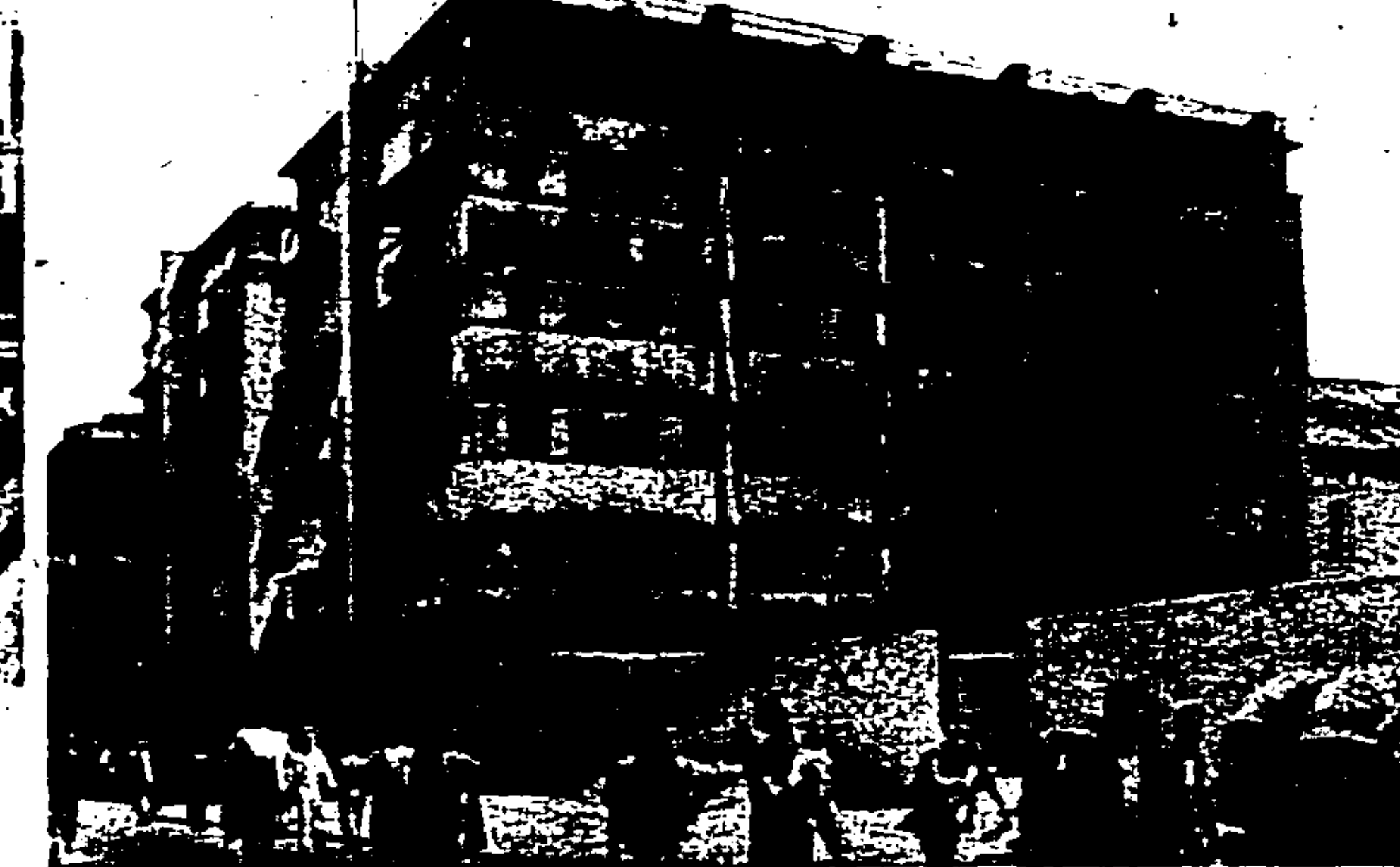


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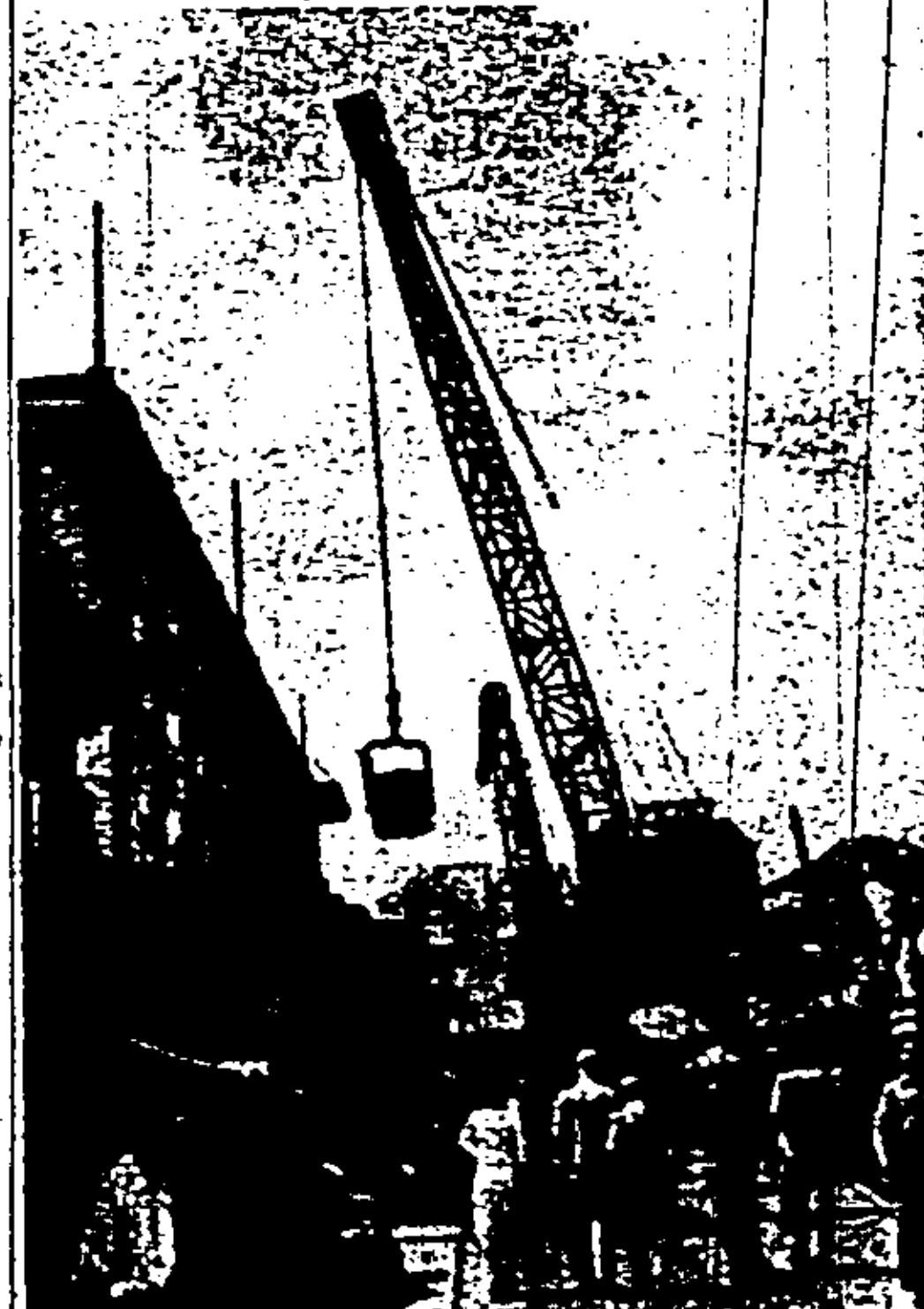
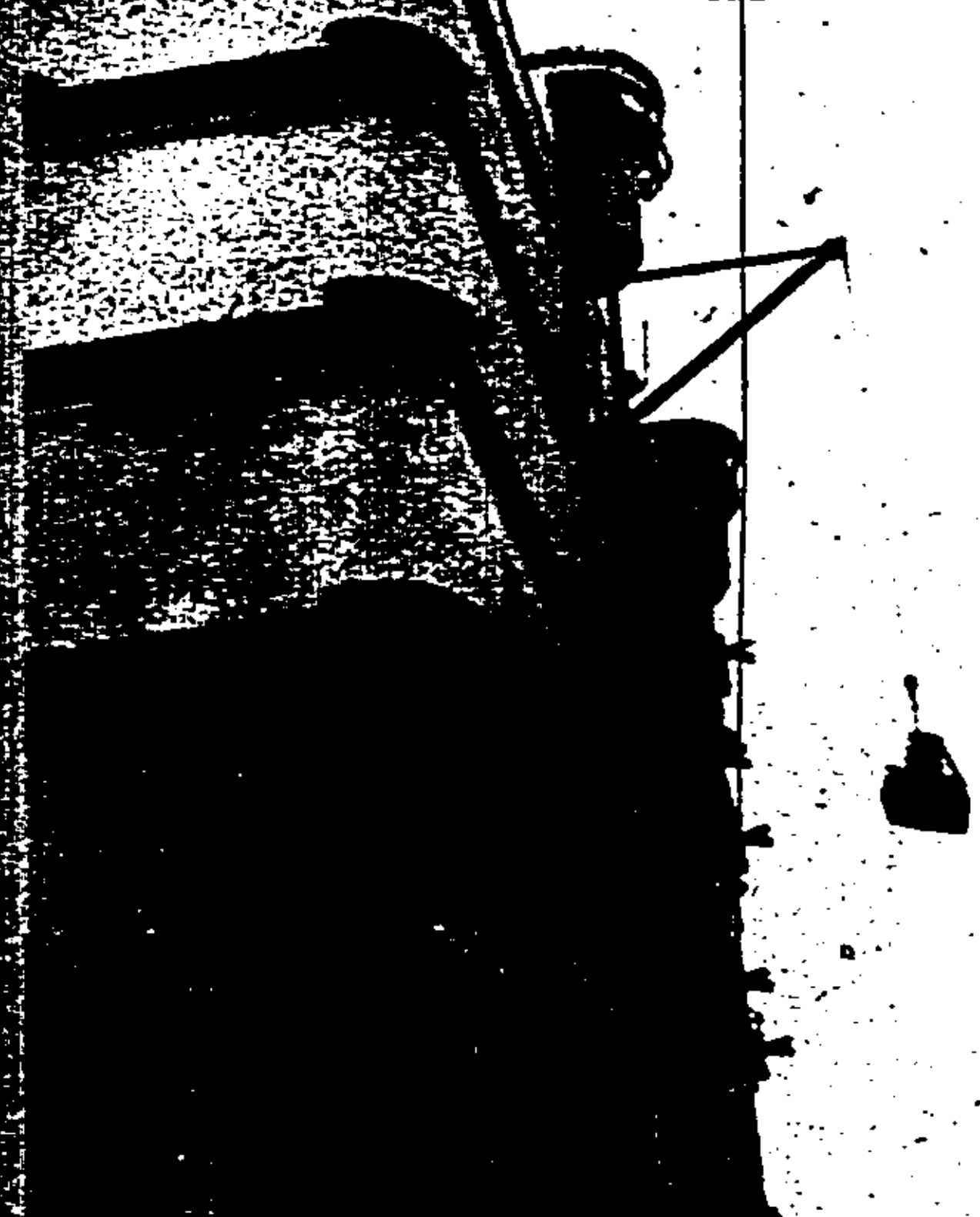


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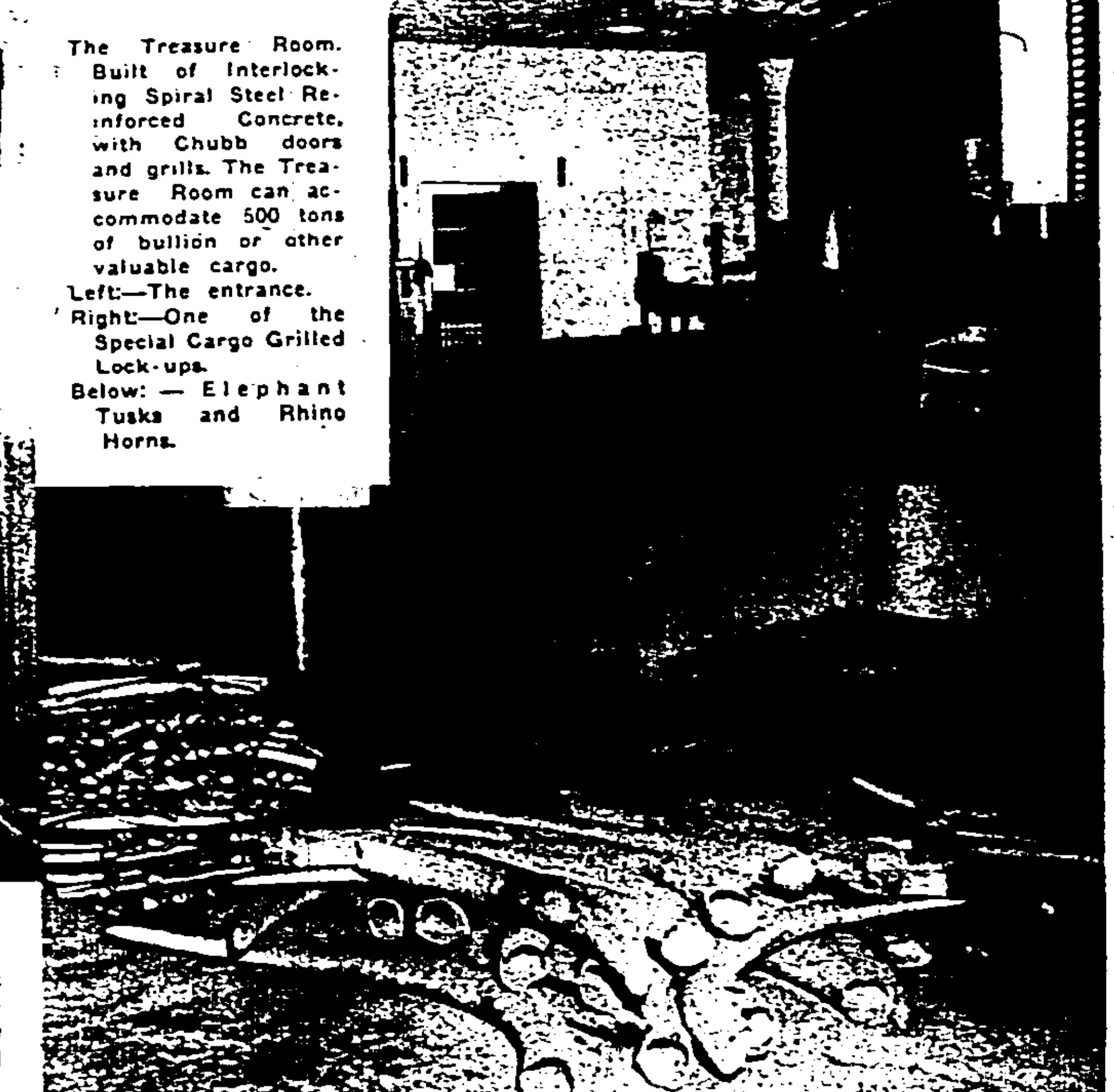
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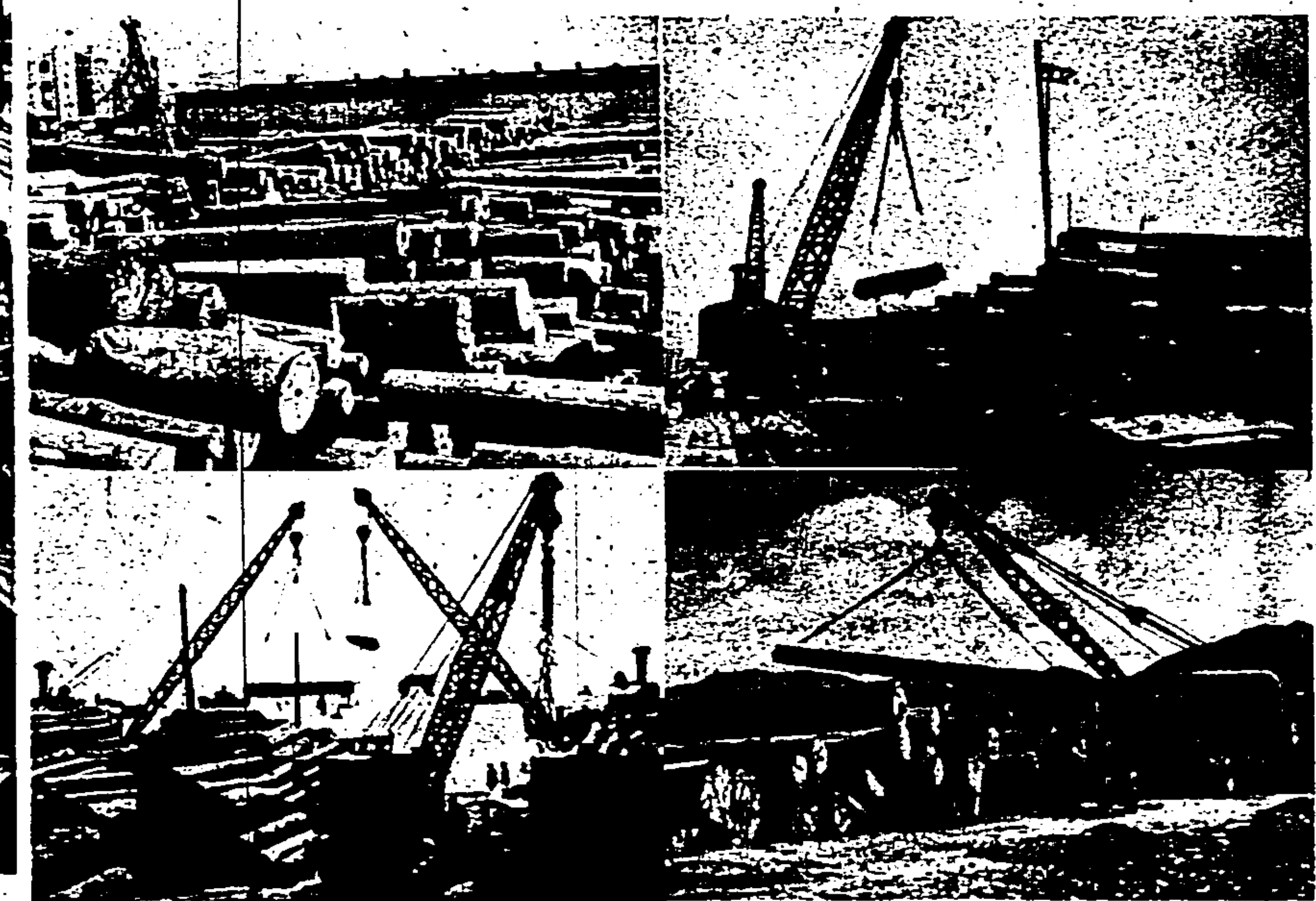
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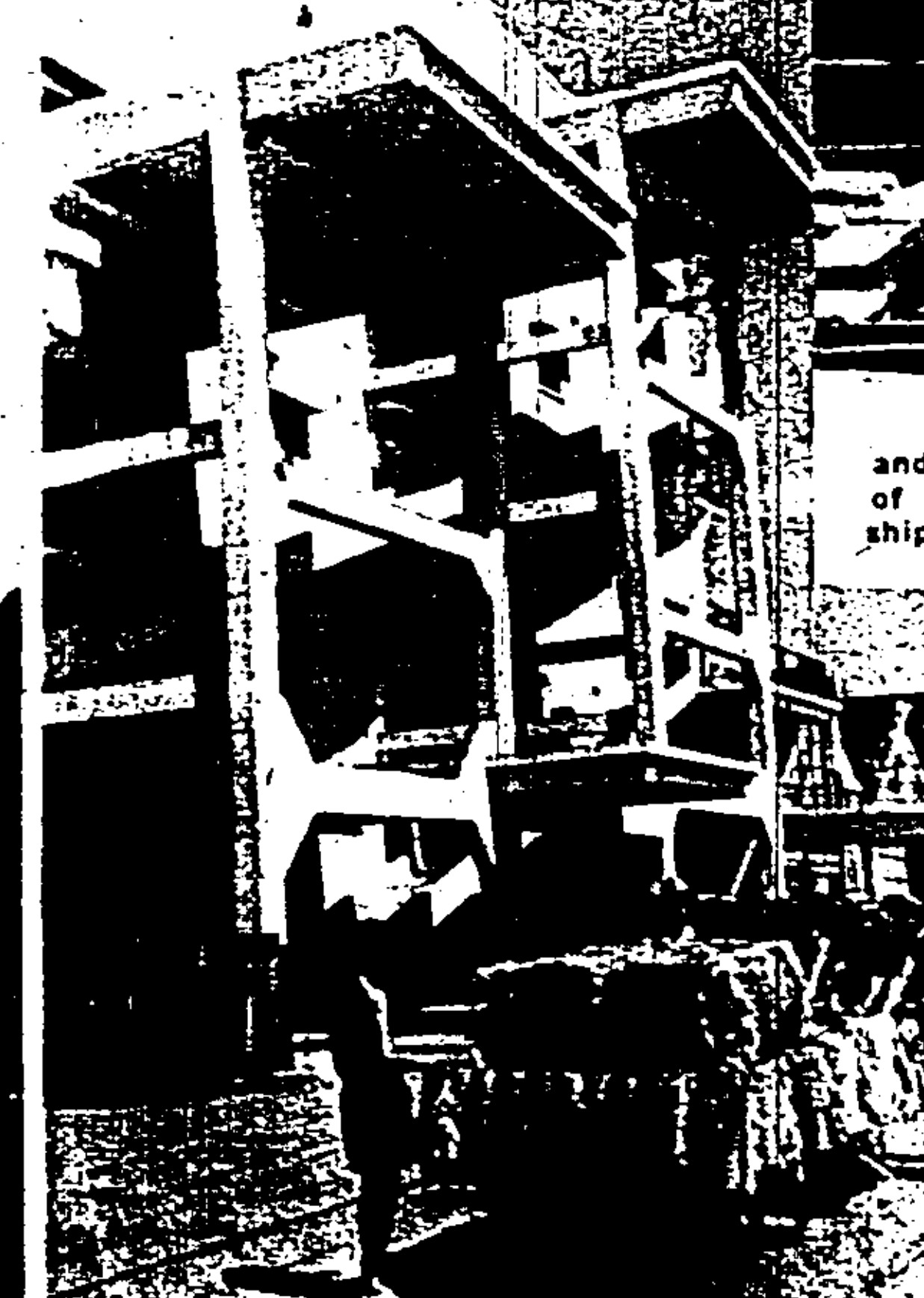
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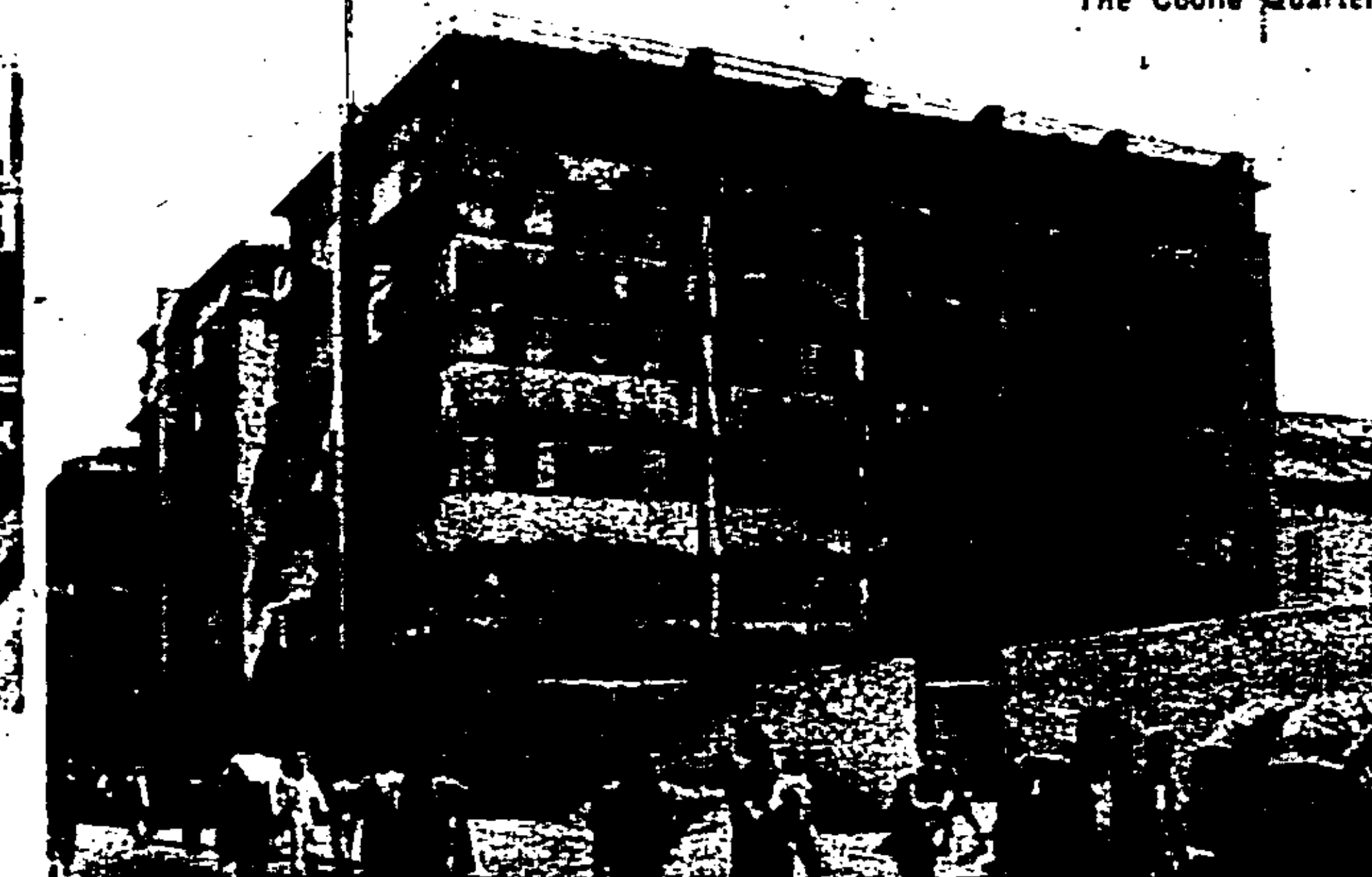
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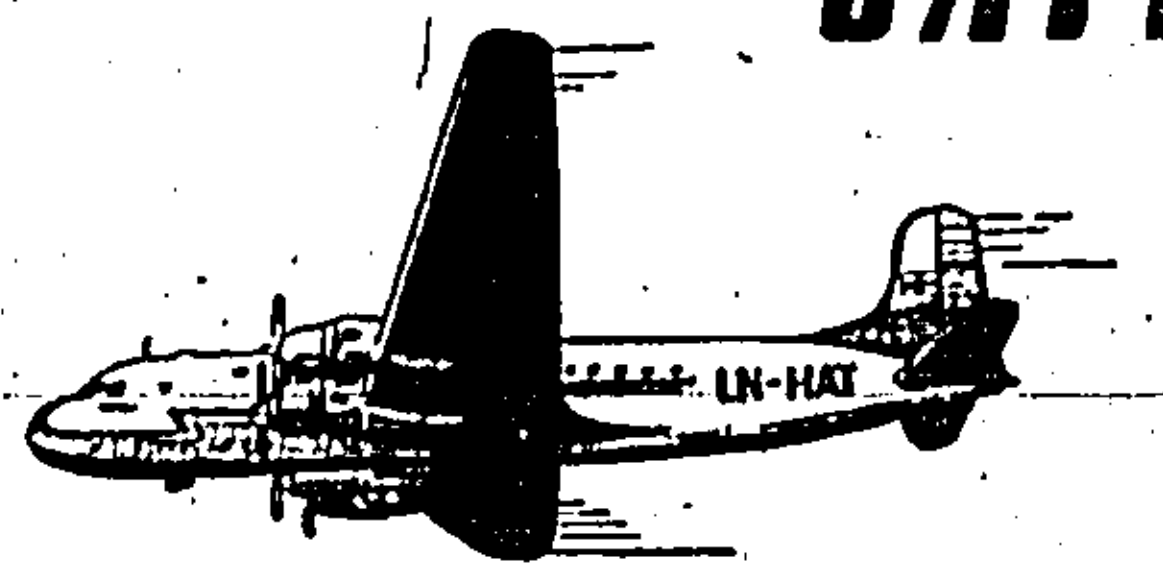
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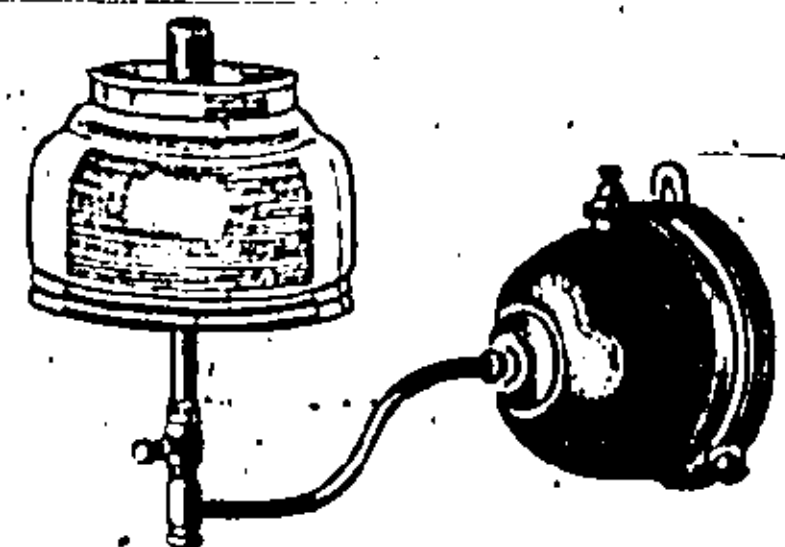
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WAS RUSSIAN COLONEL PLANT TO DISCOVER ESCAPE ROUTE?

Mystery Deeper: Story Of Noisy People In Flat

London, June 7.

The belief grew in informed circles tonight that Colonel Tassoyev was a Soviet secret agent planted in Germany to ferret out secrets of the new "escape to freedom" route for dissatisfied Russian officers and officials.

These sources said that hundreds of high Soviet officials and officers in Germany have come over to the Western Allies in recent months. Only one—Tassoyev—has asked to be returned to the Soviets. He headed the Soviet reparations mission to Bremen.

Tass said on Sunday that British Military Intelligence agents kidnapped Tassoyev, brought him to a London apartment and beat him repeatedly in an attempt to get him to turn against the Soviet Government.

The Foreign Office ridiculed the Tass story. It said that Tassoyev was flown to London from the British zone of Germany in late April and was returned to Germany nearly a month later, both at his own request. Tassoyev was not maltreated in any way, the spokesman said.

If Tassoyev had been beaten the spokesman said, it is strange that there has been no formal diplomatic protest from Russia. In fact he said there has been no diplomatic communication at all from Russia about Tassoyev.

Mrs. Wiggins

Even the Communist Daily Worker did not accept the Tass account without question. Its headline on the story said: "Did MI 5 (Military Intelligence) kidnap the Soviet Colonel?"

But the Tass story contained just enough facts to set tongues wagging about what did happen during Tassoyev's month in Britain.

The London address to which Tass said Tassoyev was taken—16 to 23 Bishop Kings Road—contains an apartment sub let to the War Office Military Intelligence.

The housekeeper there was a Mrs. Wiggins who was named in the Tass broadcast and she had a daughter named Betty whom Tass said was a Military Intelligence employee. Both left the apartment soon after Tassoyev's reported departure.

Very Noisy

The occupant of the apartment immediately below the War Office apartment was an Austrian woman named Bochenek who told newsmen that the men who used the upstairs rooms were "very noisy."

Miss Bochenek said: "At night it seemed as if they were throwing furniture about. At

times we could hear loud voices and thuds and bumps as if they were fighting among themselves."

But Mrs. Margaret Porter, who occupied the apartment immediately above the War Office flat, said she had heard neither shouting nor any other abnormal noises from below during the past month.

Several doormen at Olympia recalled that a man created a disturbance in the hall early in May shouting in a foreign language. They said that the police took him away. Scotland Yard had refused to comment.

Tass failed to explain why Tassoyev ran into the crowded exhibition hall shouting for the Soviet Ambassador when he could have entered any tavern and asked to be taken to the Soviet Embassy.—United Press.

LOANS AVAILABLE --ON CONDITIONS

Ootacamund, June 7.

Dr. Henry Grady, retiring American Ambassador to India, said American capital is available "if wanted" to help develop Asiatic and Far Eastern countries.

He told the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East that "conditions must be favourable for sound loans, just as they must be for direct investment in enterprise."

Grady is chief American delegate to the Commission and has been named U.S. Ambassador to Greece.

He said loans are available from:

- 1-Individual banks or groups of banks in capital-exporting countries.
- 2-The World Bank.
- 3-U.S. Export and Import Bank.
- 4-In some cases from the U.S. Congress.

Ship Hits Iceberg

St. John's, New.

The Danish steamer Nevada (7,178 tons) limped into St. John's last night with extensive damage to her hull just above the waterline after colliding with an iceberg 32 miles northeast of St. John's yesterday.

None of the crew was injured.—Reuter.

SWEDISH MUSTANGS IN KENT

West Malling, Kent, June 7.

Thirteen Mustang planes of the Swedish Air Force, on a goodwill mission to Britain, landed at West Malling this afternoon in brilliant sunshine. Royal Air Force officers who gathered at the airfield to greet the visitors spoke of the excellence of their formation flying.

Major General Ljungdahl, Chief of the Swedish Fighter Command, was the first to land. Marshal of the Royal Air Force Tedder, Chief of the Royal Air Force, and Mr. Eric Behe- man, the Swedish Ambassador, greeted him.

A hand played the Swedish national anthem while an inspection of a guard of honour was made.—Reuter.

XUAN RESCINDS CABINET DECREE

Paris, June 7.

General Nguyen Van Xuan, the Premier of the Central Vietnam Government, has rescinded the ordinance published during the week-end establishing a new governmental and administrative structure for Vietnam, the French press agency reported today from Saigon.

The ordinance would be replaced later by others modifying its terms in several respects, the agency said.

The ordinance called for the election of a national Constituent Assembly as soon as circumstances permitted, and set forth the future administrative structure of General Xuan's Government.

Under the ordinance, the Central Government would have been assisted by a Privy Council, a provisional National Assembly and a mixed Council representing Vietnam's various economic interests.—Reuter.

Questions No Longer Taboo

London, June 7.

Members of Parliament are to have greater latitude to question Ministers in the House of Commons about the running of nationalised industries.

Hitherto, the Government has been reluctant to answer these questions on the ground that the National Boards in charge of industries should be protected from criticisms of minor day-to-day affairs.

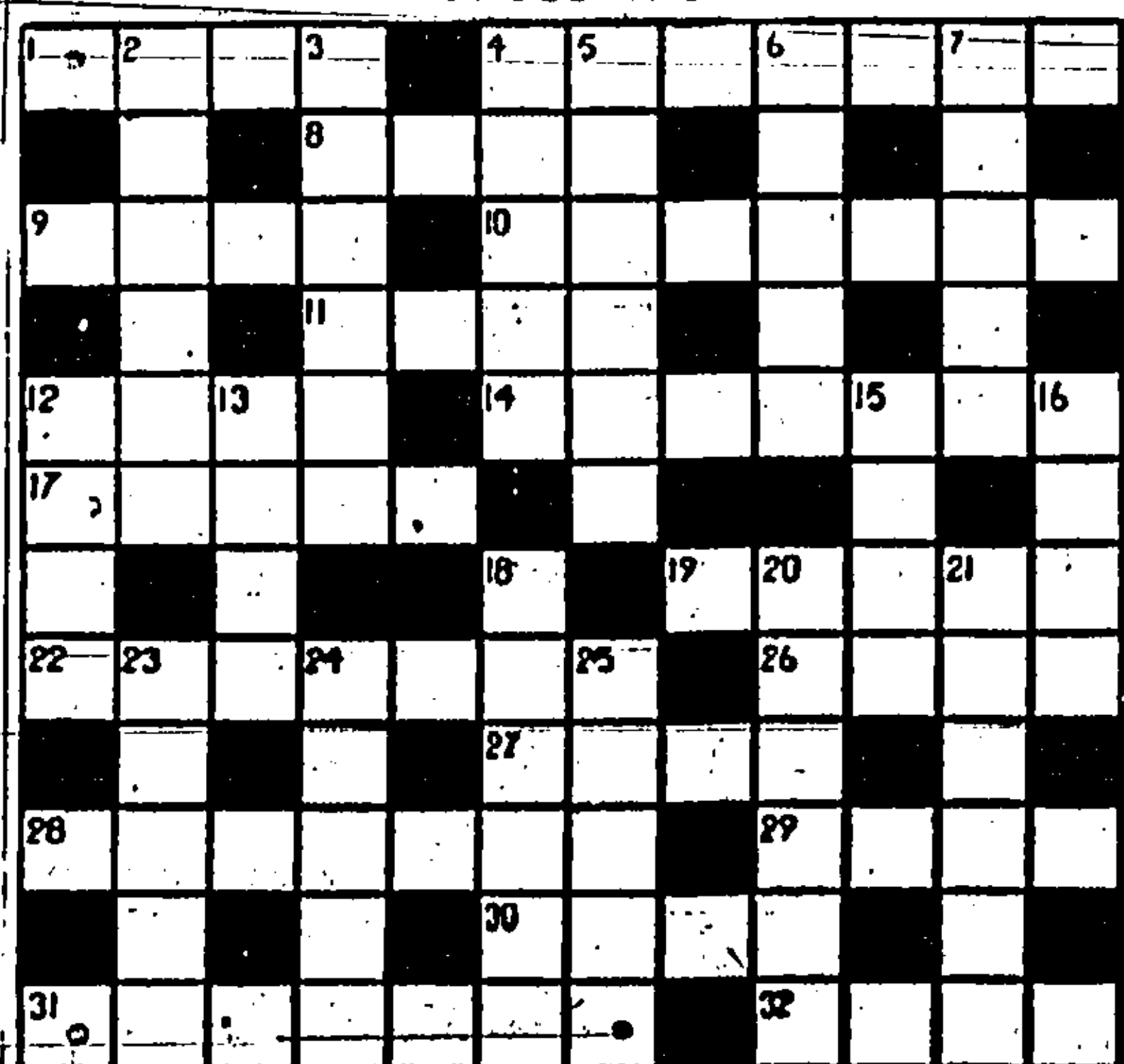
The Speaker of the House of Commons, Colonel Clifton-Brown, has also barred questions under a rule of the House because they asked about matters outside Ministerial responsibility.

The Opposition has felt that Ministers ought to accept responsibility and answer such questions as, for instance, why there was a breakdown in the electricity supply last week, resulting in several countries being without electricity for some hours.

Today, the Speaker suggested that he should be given discretion to decide which questions were of sufficient public importance to be put to a Minister.

The House agreed to give this new procedure a trial.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- 1 Additional.
- 4 Attack.
- 8 Come to a stop.
- 9 Couch.
- 10 Oriental head-dresses.
- 11 Harvest.
- 12 Secure.
- 14 Regular action.
- 17 Fissure.
- 19 Urge.
- 22 Anno.
- 26 Way out.
- 27 Measure.
- 28 Judgment.
- 29 Discover.
- 30 Volume.
- 31 Bunch.
- 32 Part.

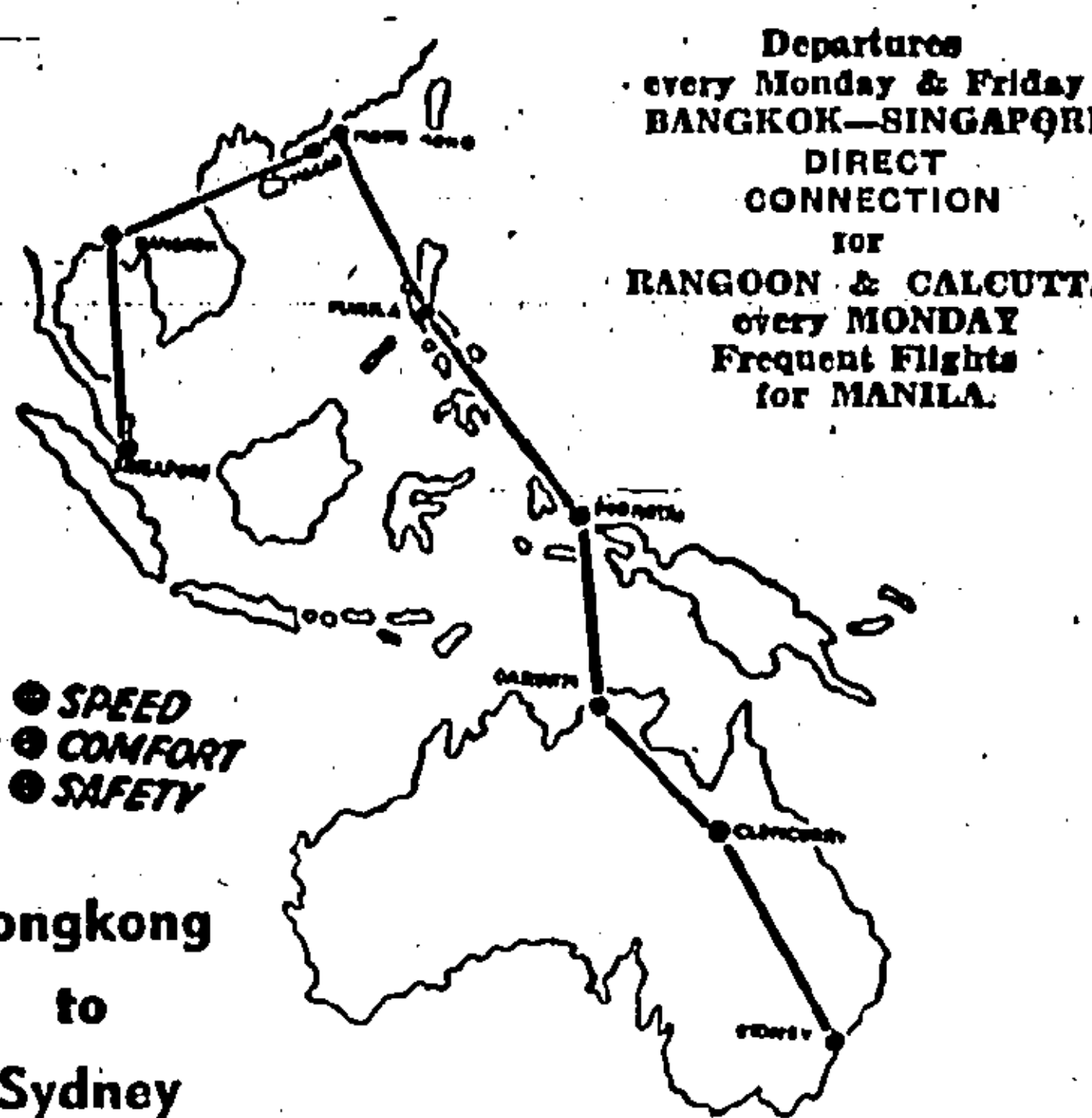
Clues Down

- 2 Bath accessory.
- 3 Appointments.
- 4 Church table.
- 5 Corn.
- 6 Precincts.
- 7 Material.
- 12 Scrutinise.
- 13 Rapid.
- 15 Mountain goat.
- 16 Formerly.
- 18 Distant.
- 20 Jacket.
- 21 Outlandish.
- 23 Out.
- 24 Colours.
- 25 Spanish title.

Yesterday's Crossword

- Across—1 Method, 5 Doubt, 8 Defer, 9 Helms, 10 Slant, 11 Sprig, 12 Host, 13 Risks, 14 Silent, 15 Adored, 20 Tenon, 22 Flee, 23 Caste, 25 Audit, 26 Ease.

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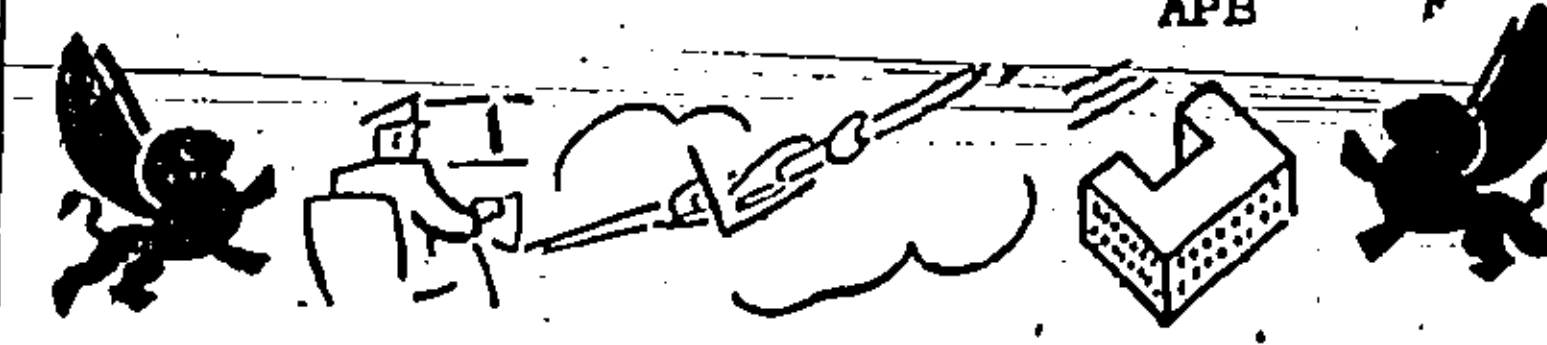
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Woman Today

A FAMOUS ARTIST CREATED THE "GIBSON GIRL"

The Gibson Girl came from the pen of Charles Dana Gibson, and his inspiration was his very beautiful and famous wife, Irene Langhorne.

All men fell in love with the Gibson Girl. She had a wasp waist set into generous hips and long dresses gathered around the knees. The bosom, ample, spreading outwards nearly as much as the hips. The shoulders bare, smooth. The mouth pouting, the eyes inviting, the hair swept forward over the forehead.

In essentials, not so different from today's New Look—ultra-feminine, curvaceous, dependent. No, not so different, for retail stores today are advertising blouse and skirt combinations inspired by the Gibson Girl. "She wore a bow-tie blouse, a rustling black skirt. Remember her?" the copy runs.

Old-timers among us can remember her as a glass dimly, a vague but poignant memory from the naughty nineties, and of which the Gibson Girl was the universal symbol. It all started back in 1895, when Charles Dana Gibson, a fairly successful magazine illustrator married Irene, one of the beautiful Langhorne sisters, of Virginia. (Another became Latty Astor.)

"Queen Of The U.S."

Mrs. Gibson was the first Gibson Girl. She became, as a contemporary described her, "Queen of the United States—elegant, charming, tall, willowy, her hair piled regularly above a lofty brow." Millions of women studied her hair-do and her deportment, especially in written books by Richard Harding Davis and in the magazines.

Waistline pinch with a Cinch

By Carolyn Earle

Revival of the feminine waist for the "new look" and the "newer look" continues to provoke discussion on the corsets, bras, and girdles necessary to round out the current fashionable contours.

Some waistline whittlers, dubbed variously cinch, nipper, and waist a-way, narrow you in as much as two inches at the middle.

Medical opinion seems divided on the actual danger to health in the latest foundation garments. Overseas manufacturers of the corset, are looking to prove that the feminine middle is not unduly pinched or unnaturally compressed by their products.

They say women would not suffer the inconvenience and discomfort of such a proceeding, and that the cinch belt merely eases the flesh gently around into the most becoming contour.

Phase Fade-out
Although willing to meet any demand for these petite garments, the makers feel that they are just a fashion phase, and will one day vanish as quickly as they came, leaving in possession of the field the real foundations of fashion—the bras, the girdles, and the all-in-ones that can nip a very neat waistline, too.

It was not fashion that put the foundation garment business on the financial map. It was a fine, elastic thread that could be made into a fabric stretching up, down, and across, two-way and one-way stretch, enabling a wearer to bend over without strangling on her girdle.

Cinch And Science
An uplifted bosom, a trim midriff, a snug waist, and a rounded hip constituting the immediate feminine goal, manufacturers have scientific nations on hand to help nature out. Newest girdles (as distinct from the cinch belts) rise well above the waist to give a small-waisted look with no bulges.

"We prefer to let clothes complete the illusion of small waists," say foundation manufacturers, who know comfort is always good business.

If you've got to hitch your girdle down every time you get up, it's either because you are wearing a non-stretch fabric or the garment is too short—a common error. Girdles should come two inches below the curve of the buttocks.

Getting into a zipperless or roll-on girdle, with a minimum of contortion and hauling is a matter that requires some explanation. The recommended technique is to turn the garment inside out and upside down; flip the garter edge over to the inside and step in at that end.

Roll Technique
Pull up until the garters are in place and then, with as much nonchalance as is left, reach down, grasp the girdle in both hands firmly, without pushing fingers through the fabric, and roll it up into place. Matching the waistline controversy is the speculation on the strapless, wired bra—to wear or

Her picture was inscribed on plates, cushions, trays and postcards. She gave her name to women's clothes. She transformed their figures, pastimes and outlook. She was epitomized and paraded on the stage and in the new-fangled moving pictures. She became a greater influence on her time than all the film stars of today put together.

Stage And Song
"The Belle of Mayfair" was produced in 1906 by H. E. Brook-

field and Cosmo Hamilton. Sang the chorus gaily:

"Why do they call me a Gibson Girl,
Gibson Girl, Gibson Girl?
What is the matter with Mister Ibsen?
Why Dana Gibson!
Wear a blank expression and a monarchical air!
And walk around with a bend in your back.
Then they call you a Gibson Girl!"

HEAVY FABRICS IN COCKTAIL GOWNS

Russell makes the most of a slim, flowing princess line, adding a band of braid, complete with bobbles, to the shoulder to act as incipient sleeves.

Matill, on the other hand, plays tricks with her material. He adds a turned up hem to the skirt, drapes the basque, puts more draping on the very low curved décolletage in front, and then puts stiff cuffs to the three-quarter sleeves.

Victor Stiebel presents in his collection one of the most attractive dinner dresses seen for years. Superb elegance is in every line of this gown in chestnut coloured satin, with its bold effect outlined in white beaded embroidery.

Evening wear is divided today into three categories, the formal evening gown, the dinner dress with short or long sleeves and long or ballet-length skirt, and the cocktail dress with the skirt 11" from the ground, a high or low décolletage, and sleeves of varying lengths.

Inside this framework, there are no rules. For the cocktail dress materials are better if they are heavy and stiff, and grosgrain or faille are two fabrics which have been made much of both by Peter Russell and Matill—the latter the latest member to be elected to the Society of London Fashion Designers.



not to wear. The wired bra was launched in Paris 20 years ago. Six years ago the designer settled in America.

Not just one wire, but a selection of wires in seven sizes and four thicknesses are built into this garment, which is meticulously fitted, and also carries a year's guarantee of comfort.

General medical opinion is not favourable, however, to any bra fashion which unduly concentrates pressure and constriction.

June Bride



JUNE IS STILL THE traditional month for weddings—for orange blossom and radiant brides. This young wedding gown is of ivory satin, with a short train. It has a new, round neckline, outlined with a soft frill, and long princess sleeves. The short veil is held at the crown with a band of orange blossom. (Worn by Jane Greer, R.K.O. Radio player)

PRINCESS AT HOME

Anne Matheson, London correspondent for the "Australian Women's Weekly," presents this picture of the future home of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

Every morning as the traffic roars in from the outskirts to the business centres of London, a car slips out of Kensington Palace, joins the stream of city workers—and, swinging right down Constitution Hill, the driver drops his wife off at Buckingham Palace.

It is the Duke of Edinburgh on his way to work at the Admiralty, and Princess Elizabeth on her way to the suite in Buckingham Palace which she has turned into an office. By ten o'clock both are at their desks. For Britain's No. 1 Newlyweds have a working partnership...

One that keeps them both busy and happy for the eight hours of the day they are separated. While Philip continues his naval career, Princess Elizabeth gets down to the new and exciting experience of running a home as well as a job. Of being, in fact, a "working wife."

When the week-ends come round they are free to enjoy the quickness and richness of their first real home, "Windsor Moor," in Surrey. And it is to Windsor that they have taken the wedding presents chosen from the many thousands showered on them.

Setting Up House
Princess Elizabeth, with a very small staff and full programme during the week, is finding setting up house at Windsor Moor a much longer and harder task than she had anticipated.

Nevertheless it is one she is thoroughly enjoying. Having only the week-ends to work on her country home and arrange in her own very individual manner the many lovely presents that are here and Philip's, the "setting in" has become her relaxation.

Deep cream and duck-egg blue in furnishing taffeta is the overall colour scheme of Princess Elizabeth's rooms. She has furnished the living-rooms in rose and cream... Using nylon in deep rose and gold with a beautiful gold-and-

Then Ziegfeld of Follies fame became interested, and the smash hit of 1907, the song that really did sweep the continent, ran thus:

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Gibson himself, became the Dean of American Illustrators. At 25 he was, the most sought-after black and white artist in the United States. One magazine, for example, paid him \$25,000 for a series of 100 drawings.

No Garrot
Success came to him the easy way. He was born in Roxbury, Massachusetts, in 1874, and spent his boyhood in Flushing. He took up sculpture and drawing during his early teens, and while at Art School sold a cartoon to a magazine for the American equivalent of £1. Within a year he was a successful commercial artist. "I didn't even have to starve in a garret," he once said.

After contributing for many years, he bought a controlling interest in an American magazine, but dropped it to return to painting once more. In 1930, he turned from black and white to color, but although he painted until the day of his death, was never very successful in this medium. His cartoons nearly always depicted the trials of love between young people. The girl in the picture, of course, was always the unmistakable Gibson Girl.

Just before his death at the age of 74, Dana Gibson explained his life-long devotion to the cause of feminine beauty. "When I started I was young and healthy," he said, "and the one thing that's worth drawing when you're young and healthy is a woman."

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Wedding Presents

Princess Elizabeth has had sent down her piano and the radiogram which was the best man's wedding present, with a fine collection of records from classics to samba.

Housekeeping at Windsorham presents no problems for Princess Elizabeth, for housekeeper Miss E. McGrigor, from Balmoral, has everything under control.

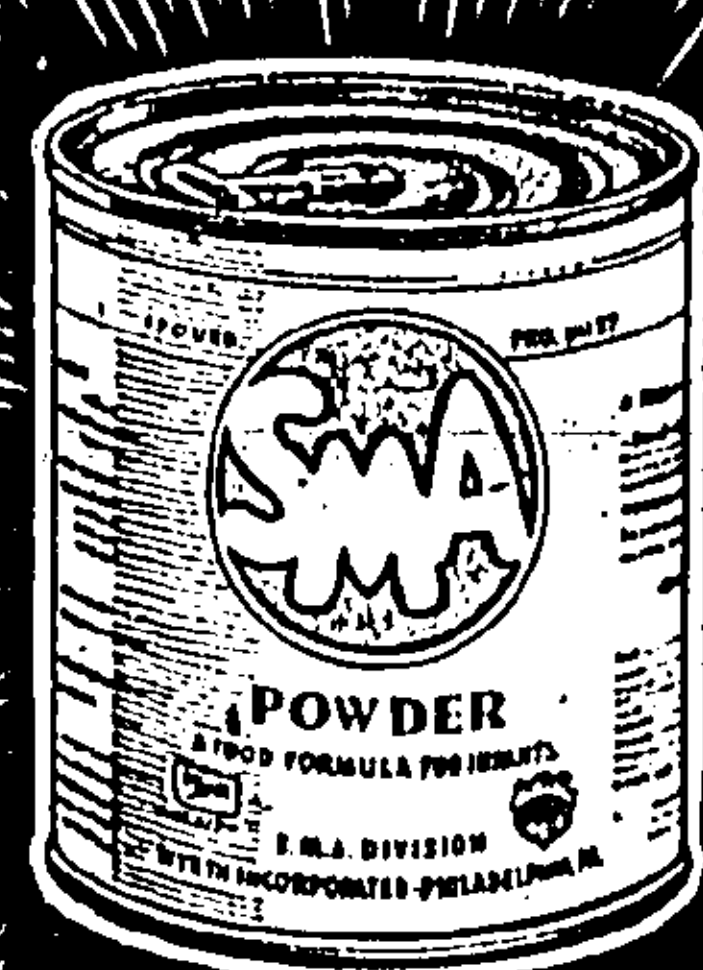
Princess Elizabeth's week-ends are quiet, with simple housekeeping, arranging her presents, and golf on the Windsorham Moor nine-hole course, but the week-days are full and fascinating.

Sharing with her husband his simple, direct, and realistic outlook on people and affairs, Princess Elizabeth is now able to enjoy the freedom of going about with him unhampered by the restrictions which formerly surrounded her.

Popularity

Her popularity, which seemed to reach its peak when as a radiant bride she left Westminster Abbey, has been further strengthened by her informal appearances in public, and her natural and spontaneous appreciation of simple social pleasures.

The Clock Tower, Kensington Palace, former home of Princess Alice and the Earl of Athlone, is little more than a furnished apartment... a town flat where the Princess and her husband can work and organize the rebuilding and redecoration of bombed Clarence House, which in time will be their London home. With the blueprints of work in progress at Clarence House in front of her, Princess Elizabeth is making suggestions for the alterations that are being done, as a result of the bomb damage.



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ARABS AND JEWS TOLD TO MAKE UP MINDS

Cairo, June 7.
Count Folke Bernadotte, United Nations mediator, today delivered to the Arabs and the Jews what amounted to an ultimatum to make up their minds within 48 hours whether to accept a four-week truce in Palestine.

Count Bernadotte delivered to Arab representatives in Cairo a written plan for the truce. He asked for a "straightforward" yes or no answer within 48 hours.

It was indicated that he cabled the plan to the Jewish capital of Tel-Aviv. Cairo sources said the plan was delivered to the Arabs at noon today, so the deadline for acceptance or rejection may be 10 GMT Wednesday.

It was understood that the plan calls for a cease-fire order to precede a formal truce. The plan is based on Count Bernadotte's own interpretation of the United Nations resolution of May 20, which calls for a truce, including his reading of two clauses on Jewish immigration during the truce.

The Egyptian Premier, Mahmoud Fahmy Nokrashy Pasha, announced that the Arab reply would be delivered to Count Bernadotte on Wednesday morning. Nokrashy Pasha and other Arab leaders will meet in Cairo tomorrow to make the decision on acceptance or rejection.

Hungarian Catholics Unrest

Budapest, June 7.
The Hungarian Government today warned that it will take "strong measures" to stop demonstrations against the nationalisation of Catholic schools.

The decision followed the death of a policeman in a demonstration at Peerspetri. Twenty-eight people charged with inciting the Catholic population to murder are to be tried by a national jurisdiction court, which must meet within 72 hours of the conclusion of police investigations.

The court had only one alternative to a "not guilty" finding: the death sentence. Today, the coalition press openly accused the Hungarian Prime Minister, Cardinal Miklosenyi, of inciting Catholic masses against the democratic regime.—Reuter.

Jewish Possimism

It was indicated that the Arabs probably would accept, possibly after some further attempt to bar all Jews from entering Palestine during the truce. Despatches from Tel-Aviv reflected the pessimistic atmosphere and Dr. Moshe Shertok, Jewish Foreign Minister, said he would "naturally" reserve the right to appeal to the Security Council if Count Bernadotte's plea proved unsatisfactory.

Asked whether the text of his truce proposal will be available after he receives the Arab and Jewish replies, Count Bernadotte said "this depends on the nature of the replies. My plan is confidential."

Count Bernadotte told the Associated Press that he had no time to send his plan to the Security Council but added he will let the Council know later.

Little Hope

Israel sources, close to the Israeli Government, said its Cabinet ministers disagree sharply over acceptance of a cease-fire based on any compromise yet advanced by Count Bernadotte.

Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok was reported to have told the Provisional Government that the issue revolved around the question of limiting Jewish immigration during the four-week armistice.

The Israeli Government is known to be trying by all means short of the sacrifice of its statehood to comply with the United Nations ruling. But among Jewish citizens, there is little if any real hope that the truce will be lasting.—United Press and Associated Press.

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The Egyptian Premier, Mahmoud Fahmy El Nokrashy, Pasha, asked the Egyptian Parliament tonight for an additional credit of £21,000,000 for the Palestine campaign.

The Premier, who is also Finance Minister, secured a £9,000,000 credit when the campaign opened.—Reuter.

Colonel Went AWOL

Honolulu, June 8.
A 44-year-old Lieutenant-Colonel who was absent without official leave here for 24 days surrendered to the authorities in Fort Meyer, Virginia, the army's Pacific Headquarters announced today.

He is Robert J. Venerable, of Skowhegan, Minnesota, who was attached to the 51st Quartermaster Depot on Sand Island, Hawaii.

The army said he boarded a commercial airliner in Honolulu on May 7 with a ticket to New York. He was reported missing from his duty on May 10.

Venerable surrendered to Fort Meyer on June 1 where he is being held pending further investigation.—United Press.

EISENHOWER'S NEW JOB

New York, June 7.
General Dwight D. Eisenhower became Columbia University's 13th President today—four years and a day after leading the Allied invasion of Europe.

There was no ceremony. He will be formally installed in office in the autumn.

General Eisenhower indicated to reporters he considered his civilian post "an adventure" and a "lot of fun" after 26 years in military service.—Reuter.

NEHRU OBJECTS

Lake Success, June 7.
The Security Council will meet at 9.30 p.m. GMT tomorrow to discuss a letter received from Pandit Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, declaring that the Kashmir Commission could not proceed to implement the resolution on Kashmir "until the objections by the Government of India have been satisfactorily met."—Reuter.

Last Report On Eniwetok A-Bomb Test

Honolulu, June 8.
Lt.-Gen. John E. Hull, Commander of the Eniwetok task force, said last night that he would take the final secret report on the recent atomic tests to Washington next Saturday, and said the joint task force which conducted the tests would be inactivated about mid-June.

Gen Hull said 10,000 men, 30 vessels and eight aircraft participated in the tests during which there were three nuclear explosions would be sent back to their normal duties. He added a small garrison will remain at Eniwetok.

The atoll reverted to Navy control on June 1.

Gen Hull disclosed that the three atomic blasts in April and May were observed from nine miles away. He said the experiments show that in any future conflict the scientist must be integrated into the armed forces.

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Called a "Report on the Economic position and Prospects of Japan and Korea and Measures Required to Improve Them," the 51-page document is the result of the two weeks visit to Japan and Korea made last April by the businessmen.

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